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LOCKDOWN AT FORT LEE

Army Maj. Gen. Stephen Lyons speaks during a news conference at the base in Fort Lee, Va., Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. A female soldier with a gun inside a key building at the Army base turned the weapon on herself, causing a fatal injury, but didn't wound any others as the heavily trafficked base temporarily went on lockdown Monday.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

MICHAEL FELBERBAUM
Associated Press
FORT LEE, Virginia (AP) — An enraged U.S. soldier with a gun died Monday after barricading herself

in an office inside a major command's headquarters, throwing objects and then shooting herself in the head as law enforcement officials tried to negotiate with

her, the Army said. Officials at Fort Lee said the soldier was pronounced dead Monday after being taken to Virginia Commonwealth University Medical

Center. No other injuries were reported in the morning shooting. The heavily-trafficked Fort Lee base went on lockdown while she was barricaded on the

third floor of the four-story building that houses the Army's Combined Arms Support Command.

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Syria warns US: No unilateral strikes on militants

RYAN LUCAS

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — Syria said Monday it was ready to help confront the rising threat from the Islamic State group, but warned the United States against carrying out airstrikes without Damascus' consent, saying any such attack would be considered an aggression.

In seeking to portray itself as a partner for the international community, Syria seemed intent on capitalizing on the growing clamor among some U.S. officials, including military leaders, to expand the current American air campaign against the Islamic extremists in Iraq and to hit them in Syria as well.

President Barack Obama has long been wary of getting dragged into the bloody and complex Syrian civil war that the United Nations says has killed more than 190,000 people. He has resisted intervening militarily in the conflict, even after a deadly chemical weapons attack a year ago that Washington blamed on President Bashar Assad's govern-

ment. But the extremist group's rampage across wide swaths of Iraq, declaration of a state gov-

Speaking in Damascus, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem appeared acutely aware of how much has changed

and Iraq. Al-Moallem told reporters his government is ready "to cooperate and coordinate" with any side, in-



Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem speaks during a press conference on the threat posed by the Islamic State group, in Damascus, Syria on Monday, August 25, 2014. Al-Moallem warned the U.S. not to conduct airstrikes inside Syria against the Islamic State group without Damascus' consent, saying any such attack would be considered an aggression.

(AP Photo/SANA)

erned by their harsh interpretation of Islamic law in territory spanning the Iraq-Syria border, and grisly beheading of an American journalist, have injected a new dynamic into those calculations. Now, Obama faces pressure from his own military leaders to go after the extremists inside Syria.

since last August, when the U.S. was threatening to carry out punitive airstrikes against Assad's government in the wake of the chemical attack. Since then, global disapproval has shifted away from Assad and toward the Islamic extremists who are fighting him and spreading destruction across Syria

cluding the U.S., or join any regional or international alliance against the Islamic State group. But he said any military action inside Syria should be coordinated with the Syrian government. "Any strike which is not coordinated with the government will be considered as aggression," he said. □

France marks 70th anniversary of Paris Liberation

PARIS (AP) — Paris celebrated on Monday the 70th anniversary of its liberation after four years in the grip of the occupying Nazis, with President Francois Hollande saying France now has a moral obligation to answer the call of those under the boot of dictators or barbarism like the Islamic State group that has conquered large swaths of Syria and Iraq.

In a speech at Paris' ornate City Hall, Hollande said the uprising of the citizens of Paris a week before the Aug. 25, 1944, liberation has a modern-day message for those fighting dictatorships, trying to preserve democracy or calling for help. "It is from Paris that democracies seek protection from terror. It is to Paris that today the Iraqi people and all the minorities persecuted by the barbarous Islamic State turn,"



A light show is projected on the Paris City Hall, Monday, Aug. 25, 2014 during a ceremony in recognition of the Aug. 25, 1944 liberation of the capital by American and French troops.

(AP Photo/Christophe Ena)

Hollande said. "We must answer those calls. Our history commands it," he said. France has furnished Iraqi Kurds with weapons to better fight the Islamic State group going after Christians and Yazidi minorities in the area and taken in dozens of Yazidis.

The French president also updated the message of the Paris Liberation for "people in Europe who despair at this time," as nations like France confront zero growth, high unemployment and unpopular measures to put the country back on its feet.

Hollande made no reference to an announcement from his office earlier in the day that Prime Minister Manuel Valls has been instructed to form a new government by Tuesday following criticism of its economic policies by the economy minister. □

CARIBBEAN NEWS BEAT

Officials seize cocaine haul at Jamaica ports

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)

— Jamaican authorities said Monday they have seized a large haul of cocaine hidden in a shipping container at the capital's seaport.

The Jamaican Constabulary Force said in a statement that officers seized 267 pounds (121 kilograms) of packaged cocaine stuffed in black bags among a shipment of lumber.

The shipping container at Kingston's wharves originated in the South American country of Suriname and was destined for China.

Police put the estimated street value of the seized drugs at nearly \$1.3 million. There have been no arrests. Police characterized the bust as "major" and said it was made Sunday during a routine search operation.

Costa Rica cops seize cocaine, \$1.5 M in cash

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica (AP)

— Costa Rican authorities say they have seized a small plane carrying \$1.5 million in cash and 880 pounds (400 kilograms) of cocaine. Officials also detained four Costa Rican and two Mexican men.

Costa Rica's Judicial Investigation Police said in a statement Monday the plane traveled from Guatemala and landed at a clandestine landing strip in Guanacaste province, where four men were ready to load the drugs when officials arrested them.

Officials say the men had planned to fly the small plane back to Guatemala and then to Mexico.

They say the Sunday seizures and arrests are the result of a two-month investigation. □

Mourners urge black Americans to take action

JIM SUHR

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Mourners gathered Monday to remember Michael Brown in an emotional service that consecrated the killing of the black 18-year-old by a white police officer as another in the long history of the civil rights movement, and implored black Americans to change their protest chants into law.

The crowd of more than 4,500 people included the parents of Trayvon Martin, the unarmed 17-year-old African-American fatally shot by a neighborhood watch volunteer in Florida, along with a cousin of Emmitt Till, a 14-year-old murdered by several white men while visiting Mississippi in 1955. Till's killing galvanized the civil rights movement.

"Show up at the voting booths. Let your voices be heard, and let everyone know that we have had enough of all of this," said Eric Davis, one of Brown's cousins.

Also in attendance were several White House aides, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, moviemaker Spike Lee, entertainer Sean Combs and some children of the Rev. Martin Luther King.

Civil rights leader Rev. Al Sharpton showed up at the funeral to call for a movement that seeks to clean up police forces and the communities they serve.

"We're not anti-police. We respect police. But those police that are wrong need to be dealt with just like those in our community that are wrong need to be dealt with," Sharpton said. Two uncles remembered how Brown had once predicted that someday the whole world would know his name.

"He did not know he was offering up a divine prophecy," Bernard Ewing said. The service at Friendly Temple Missionary Baptist Church in St. Louis at times seemed like a cross between a gospel revival and a rock concert. It began with upbeat music punctuated by clapping. Some people danced in place.

The Rev. Charles Ewing, the uncle who delivered the eulogy, said Brown "prophetically spoke his demise." And now his blood is "crying from the ground.

which had a St. Louis Cardinals ball cap atop it. Large projection screens showed a photo of him clutching his high school diploma while wearing a cap and gown.

Brown, who was to be buried in a St. Louis cemetery, was unarmed when he was killed. A grand jury is considering evidence in the case, and a federal investigation

out of the street and onto a sidewalk in the St. Louis suburb of Ferguson. Police said Wilson was pushed into his squad car and physically assaulted. Some witness-



Michael Brown Sr. yells out as the casket is lowered during the funeral service for his son Michael Brown in Normandy, Mo., Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. Hundreds of people gathered to say goodbye to Michael Brown, the 18-year-old shot and killed Aug. 9 in a confrontation with a police officer that fueled almost two weeks of street protests.

(AP Photo/New York Times, Richard Perry, Pool)

Crying for vengeance. Crying for justice."

Poster-size photos of Brown, wearing headphones, were on each side of the casket,

Two days after his death, he had been scheduled to start training to become a heating and air-conditioning technician.

is also underway. Police have said a scuffle broke out Aug. 9 after officer Darren Wilson told Brown and a friend to move

es have reported seeing Brown's arms in the air in an act of surrender. An autopsy found he was shot at least six times. □

Suspect in Los Angeles-area shootings detained

GILLIAN FLACCUS

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A suspect in a series of shootings that killed three people and four people within the span of an hour Sunday in the northern suburbs of Los Angeles was taken into custody following a stand-off, police said.

The suspect was taken into custody by SWAT officers after holing himself in a house for about an hour, Capt. William Hayes said. He declined to say what led officers to the house or whether any evidence was found inside. Witness had reported seeing two men

in a tan- or gold-colored SUV at two of the three crime scenes in the San Fernando Valley area. However, Hayes declined to say whether a second suspect remained at large.

"I can't tell you whether there was a second individual; we're following all clues and leads at this time," he said late Sunday. Police said the victims appeared to be randomly targeted by the same gunmen because the same type of weapon was used in the morning attacks and the suspect shot at victims from inside a car.

In the first attack, a family

of five riding in a car to attend church was struck by gunfire at 5:50 a.m. in San Fernando. The family had pulled over after noticing the suspect driving erratically when they were shot, Sgt. Frank Preciado, a police spokesman, said.

A woman in her 20s was killed, her mother and father were critically wounded and two children sustained minor injuries from either bullet fragments or broken glass, Preciado said.

About 40 minutes later, a man was fatally shot at a park. Then 15 minutes later and less than 5 miles (8 kilo-

meters) away, a woman in her late 50s who was sitting in a parked car by a church was shot in the head.

Preciado said she may have been waiting for someone, but he didn't have more details.

The shootings triggered an intense investigation and prompted the Los Angeles Police Department and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to step up patrols on the street.

Investigators were looking into whether Sunday's attacks were related to at least two shootings earlier in the week, Preciado said. □

US soldier dies after shooting herself in Virginia

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About 1,100 people were inside, but no one else was hurt, officials at Fort Lee said.

"This situation could've been worse," Maj. Gen. Stephen R. Lyons, who took over as commanding general of CASC on Friday, said earlier Monday.

The Army did not identify the soldier.

The soldier was a sergeant 1st class who has been in the Army for 14 years and at Fort Lee for three, Lyons said. Her gun was not a service weapon, he said.

"We are sad for our soldier in arms that she faced those kinds of challenges she had to resort to those kinds of actions," Lyons said.

He said officials did not know whether she was being treated for any mental health issues and could not speculate whether drugs or alcohol might have been a factor.

Lyons described the soldier as upset and enraged during the incident but said he couldn't say whether that



Security guards open a gate for motorist at the visitor entrance to Fort Lee, Va., Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. A female soldier with a gun inside a key building at a Virginia Army base turned the weapon on herself, causing a fatal injury, but didn't wound any others as the heavily trafficked base temporarily went on lockdown Monday.

(AP Photo/Steve Helber)

was consistent with her personality.

Fort Lee reopened and normal operations resumed within an hour of the incident, Lyons said, with trucks and cars entering and exiting the base. The main gate — closest to the scene — continued to control traffic, but other gates were operating as normal.

The daily population at Fort Lee — 130 miles (200 miles) from Washington — is about 34,000, with members from all branches, their families, civilians and contractors. Fort Lee's website says the installation has seen enormous growth and renovations over the past decade as a result of realignment and closures of bases across the U.S. □

US: Bin Laden son-in-law must get life in prison

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Osama bin Laden's son-in-law should be sentenced to life in prison for his role as al-Qaida's spokesman after

the Sept. 11 attacks, when he made "bone-chilling threats" against America, prosecutors said in court papers filed Monday. The government said a life sentence for Sulaiman Abu

Ghaith, whose words were "inciting, murderous, and hateful," would send an important deterrent message to would-be terrorists. "Terrorism is a crime with high recidivism rates and

rehabilitation is notoriously difficult," prosecutors said. The papers were filed in U.S. District Court in Manhattan a month before a sentencing scheduled for Sept. 23. Abu Ghaith's defense lawyer, Stanley Cohen, had urged Judge Lewis A. Kaplan earlier this month to sentence his client to 15 years in prison, saying it was sufficient.

Abu Ghaith was convicted in March of charges that included conspiracy to kill Americans and providing support to al-Qaida.

Abu Ghaith is a Kuwait-born imam who married bin Laden's eldest daughter about five years ago. He is the highest-ranking al-Qaida figure brought to trial on U.S. soil since the 2001 attacks.

In their papers, prosecutors said Abu Ghaith "proudly sat at bin Laden's right hand" after the Sept. 11 attacks, repeatedly participating in videos aimed at recruiting more people to al-Qaida.

"Abu Ghayth repeatedly made unambiguous and bone-chilling threats that al Qaeda would continue to conduct terrorist attacks using airplanes," prosecutors wrote. □

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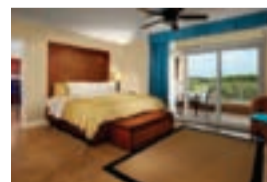
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Russian tourist charged in Brooklyn Bridge climb



Yaroslav Kolchin, right, is arraigned in Brooklyn Criminal Court, Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Kolchin a Russian tourist has been accused of climbing to the top of the Brooklyn Bridge and is facing reckless endangerment and trespass charges.

(AP Photo/The Daily News, Alec Tabak, Pool)

RACHELLE BLIDNER
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—A Russian tourist climbed to the top of the Brooklyn Bridge to

take pictures for fun in the New York City landmark's second security breach in a month, authorities said Monday.

Yaroslav Kolchin was charged with reckless endangerment, trespassing and disorderly conduct. Police said they spotted the

24-year-old ascending a cable at about 12:15 p.m. (Sunday. Authorities say the Moscow man reached the top of the tower, took pictures with his smartphone and was arrested as he descended.

He told police he did it for fun, according to a court complaint.

On July 22, two American flags were swiped from the bridge and replaced with white ones, prompting security concerns. Two German artists took credit for the stunt. Their comments and the case are still being investigated by police, who have not arrested anyone in the flag swap, New York Police Department spokesman Detective James Duffy said in an

email.

Prosecutors Kolchin's his arrest required a "high allocation of resources." He posed a danger to the high volume of pedestrians gathered who passed beneath him on a warm and sunny Sunday afternoon, they said.

Mayor Bill de Blasio said the city is launching a "full scale review" of security at the bridge but assured New Yorkers that they are being kept safe.

"You can hold me accountable and (Police) Commissioner (William) Bratton accountable," the mayor said. "We are in the process of making changes in the way we protect the bridges that are our responsibility."

Perry seek dismissal of abuse-of-power case

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AUSTIN, Texas - Defense lawyers for Gov. Rick Perry of Texas on Monday sought to throw out a felony abuse-of-power case against him, calling it an unconstitutional prosecution that would set a dangerous precedent for future governors.

The motion was the first legal filing in what has largely been a public relations offensive waged by Perry and his defense team to cast the two-count indictment as an outrageous political assault.

The indictment, returned by a grand jury in Travis County just over a week ago, stems from Perry's efforts to

force the resignation of the county's district attorney, Rosemary Lehmborg, after she was arrested on drunken-driving charges in April 2013. Perry is charged with threatening to veto funding to the office's anti-corruption unit unless she quit, a threat that he ultimately carried out with a veto that blocked \$7.5 million in state money.

In their motion, Perry's lawyers asked Judge Bert Richardson, a Republican, to "bar the prosecution" by dismissing what they called a "fatally defective" indictment. The filing was 60 pages long, including attachments, and was signed by David Botsford of Austin, one of Perry's five lawyers.

The lawyers said that the indictment seeks to criminalize a governor's veto power, which they called a "key limitation on legislative power" and "an integral component" in the checks and balances between the branches of government.

"Subjecting any sitting governor to a criminal prosecution and injecting the judiciary into a political dispute would be an unprecedented assault on this cherished separation of powers and would impose an intolerable and incalculable chilling effect on the free exercise of legitimate constitutional powers by future governors," the lawyers declared.

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Businesses: Quake cleanup shouldn't deter tourists

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Associated Press
 NAPA, California (AP)

— Businesses in California's wine capital on Monday mopped up thousands of dollars in high-end vintages, swept glass from ghostly downtown streets ordinarily bustling with tourists and rushed to reopen in advance of the summer's last holiday weekend, following a severe earthquake that damaged wineries, historic buildings and hotels.

With the dust still settling from Sunday's magnitude-6.0 temblor centered near the city of Napa, government and tourism officials assessing its economic and structural impact encouraged visitors to keep flocking to the charming towns, tasting rooms, restaurants and spas that drive the Napa Valley economy. While cleanup will take time and broken water mains remained a problem, they said, the worst damage and disruption was confined to the city's downtown, where a post office, library and a 141-room hotel were among 150 homes and buildings deemed unsafe to occupy.

The strongest earthquake to hit the San Francisco Bay Area in a quarter-century also caused several injuries, triggered fires that destroyed or damaged six mobile homes, and ruptured gas lines.

"Clearly, we are concerned that people are going to see that it was a catastrophe, and it certainly wasn't good, but it wasn't a catastrophe by any means," Clay Gregory, president of tourism organization Visit

Napa Valley, said as workers at a shuttered downtown visitor's center updated lists of open wineries and surveyed hotels about cancellations. "The real story is that it has impacted a very small part of the valley."

devastated, it's anything but devastated. We're only 24 hours out from an earthquake, and we're on our way back," Dodd said. CoreLogic Eqecat, which models economic losses from disasters, estimates that insured losses from the

Vintners trade association says the industry generates more than \$13 billion of economic activity each year, including 46,000 local jobs.

The Napa Valley Wine Train, which offers tourists a three-hour journey through 18

broken glass."

The 19th-century stone-and-masonry Victorian buildings that form the core of Napa's downtown, and are part of the town's attraction to tourists, were hit the hardest by Sunday's earthquake. That included the Andaz Hotel, which suffered water damage and was declared uninhabitable on Sunday because of falling roof debris.

Front desk host Omar Hurtado stood outside with a push broom Monday, holding the door for the newly hired cleanup crews that had replaced the guests evacuated after the earthquake. The hotel is hoping city inspectors will clear it to reopen by the end of the week, he said.

"This is the time of year when we are sold out every night practically," Hurtado said, noting that the August, September and October grape harvest represents the busiest time of year for both vintners and the visitors who come from all over the world to see them work.

Even with the earthquake making headlines and the hotel closed, people have been calling all day for reservations, he said.

"It looks like everybody is OK with what happened. They'll come back," Hurtado said.

Cynthia Kroll, an economist with the Association of Bay Area Governments who studied the economic impact of the Bay Area's last big earthquake 25 years ago, agreed. Napa might have some immediate harm, but "I certainly don't expect it to have any long-term effects on the area."



Jeremy Weiss, left, and cellar worker Adam Craig, right, look over some of the hundreds of earthquake damaged wine barrels that covered and toppled a pair of forklifts at the Kieu Hoang Winery Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in Napa, Calif.

(AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

In Napa Valley, two hotels and 12 wineries were still closed Monday, as well as many of the businesses-downtown, he said.

Local officials have an early working estimate that Napa Valley suffered \$1 billion in property damage, but they hope the long-term economic impact of the quake to businesses will be modest, Napa County Supervisor Bill Dodd said. He said 80 percent of the valley's 500 or so wineries were unaffected.

If people "think Napa is

earthquake could range from \$500 million to \$1 billion. Vineyards have already started to harvest their grapes, crush them and store the juice. If the earthquake had happened before the harvest, Eqecat notes, the losses would have been lower.

The wine business and associated tourist crowds represent a bulk of Napa County's economy. Visit Napa Valley estimates that 3 million tourists spend \$1.4 billion a year within the county. The Napa Valley

miles (28 kilometers) of wine country, canceled its service Monday but planned to resume trips Tuesday. Other tour operators said they were taking it one day at a time, readjusting tours as each winery decides when to reopen.

"We've definitely had to make some last-minute adjustments for this week as people are assessing damage," said Sherry Laseke, whose family owns Saint Helena Wine Tours, a boutique luxury tour operator. "Everybody is dealing with

US Financial Front:

Sales of new American homes fall 2.4% in July

JOSH BOAK

AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fewer Americans bought new homes in July, evidence that the housing sector is struggling to gain traction more than five years into the economic recovery. The Commerce Department said Monday that new-home sales fell 2.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 412,000. The report also revised up the June sales rate to 422,000 from 406,000.

New-home sales plunged 30.8 percent in the Northeast, followed by smaller drop-offs in the Midwest and West. Purchases were up 8.1 percent in the South, a region that usually accounts for more than half of all new-home sales. Inventory of new homes on the market rose to six months, a level last reached in October 2011. The median price of a new home last month was \$269,800, up 2.9 percent over the past 12 months. But the steady rebound in

construction coming out of the Great Recession has stalled. Sales lost much of their momentum beginning last October, derailed by modest wage growth, a bump in mortgage rates and many builders focusing more on rental apartments and high-end homes for wealthier buyers.

The monthly sales data can be extremely volatile, yet the trend line shows that the market for new homes is "running in place," said Richard Moody, chief economist at Regions Financial.

"The sales rate basically has not budged over the past ten months," Moody said.

The Monday sales data dampened enthusiasm over other recent reports that the pace of buying has recently improved.

"This is a softer report than expected and suggests housing demand has stabilized in recent quarters, as opposed to improving," said Michael Gapen, an analyst at the bank Barclays.



A new home for sale in the Winthrop subdivision in Riverview, Fla. The Commerce Department said Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, that new-home sales fell 2.4 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 412,000.

(AP Photo/Chris O'Meara)

Sales of existing homes rose 2.4 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 5.15 million, the National Association of Realtors reported last week. That's the fourth consecutive monthly increase and the highest annual rate since September of last year.

The report showed that "distressed" sales are making up a lower share of purchases. Sales are distressed when they are the result of foreclosures or involve homes for which the seller owed more on the mortgage than the home was worth.

Distressed sales accounted

for 9 percent of the purchases in July — the lowest share since the association began tracking the figure in October 2008. Distressed sales, which tend to drag down neighborhood prices, accounted for 36 percent of sales in 2009.

Separately, construction starts climbed 15.7 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.1 million homes, the government said. Applications for building permits, a gauge of future activity, also rose last month.

But much of the construction gains came from the apartments sector, which experienced a 33 percent increase last month. By contrast, single-family home construction rose 8.3 percent. Also, the National Association of Home Builders and Wells Fargo's index of builder sentiment rose in August to 55, up two points from a revised 53 for July. Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as improving. □

Deals free many TV reruns for digital cable broadcast

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LOS ANGELES - Thousands of hours of television programming are becoming available to rerun on digital networks and cable channels after new residual agreements between studios and Hollywood's three largest guilds.

The shows now freed from "residual gridlock" include old broadcast series like "Charlie's Angels" and "The Flying Nun" and newer made-for-cable programs like "Breaking Bad" and "Sons of Anarchy," according to John Weiser, president of U.S. distribution for Sony Pictures Television. "When you add up all the extra money guilds and their members will make and the benefit to studios and to the acquiring networks, this is an important business breakthrough,"

Weiser said in a telephone interview Monday. "The guilds were open to it because they fully understand how the TV landscape is evolving," he added. "They also know there are fans who want to see this material."

Weiser presented the residuals changes to the three organizations on behalf of the Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers.

The guilds are the Directors Guild of America, the Writers Guild of America and SAG-AFTRA, which represents actors and other broadcast workers. The last of those three organizations, SAG-AFTRA, or the Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, approved the changes Friday as part of a three-year contract. □



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NEW YORK - On Aug. 26, 1664, 350 years ago Tuesday, a flotilla of four British frigates led by the Guinea, which was manned by 150 sailors and conveying 300 redcoats, anchored ominously in Gravesend Bay off Brooklyn, between Coney Island and the Narrows.

Over the next 13 days, the soldiers would disembark and muster at a ferry landing located roughly where the River Café is moored today, and two of the warships would sail to the Battery and train their cannon on Fort Amsterdam on the southern tip of Manhattan. Finally, on Sept. 8, the largely defenseless settlement tolerated a swift and bloodless regime change: New Amsterdam was immediately renamed New York. It would evolve into a jewel of the British Empire, endowed with a collective legacy - its roots indelibly Dutch - that distinguished it from every other American colony.

Do not take it personally, though, if you have not been invited to the 350th birthday party. None is scheduled in the city. Neither the British nor the Dutch are planning any official commemoration. Nor is Mayor Bill de Blasio.

The reasons behind New Yorkers' nearly unanimous indifference are, well, historical, chief among them an ambivalence toward the British and a dispassion for the past.

Until around the time of World War I, Evacuation Day, which marked the belated departure of English troops from New York after the American Revolution (on Nov. 25, 1783), was celebrated with con-

siderable brio, especially when compared with the periodic commemorations of 1664 anniversaries.

In 1974, Paul O'Dwyer, the Irish-born and Anglophobic president of the New York City Council, seized upon the 700th anniversary

their own reasons not to observe the milestone.

"I doubt the English see this as something to carry on about, particularly at a moment of the Scotch independence drive," he said. "I'm trying to imagine what it would look like:

stead honoring the 300th anniversary of the chartering of the New Netherlands Co. In 1964,

fewer than 300 people showed up at Bowling Green for a party thrown by the Mayor's Committee for the 300th Anniversary of

of power after four decades of Dutch rule is still debated.

"The names, the court system and the language changed,

but the tolerance, aspirational spirit, geography and diversity remained the same," said Kenneth T. Jackson, a Columbia University historian and the editor of "The Encyclopedia of New York City."

Wallace described the shift as "hugely significant," saying that because

"it moved New Amsterdam out of the declining Dutch empire, in which it was a decided backwater, into the rising British Empire, in which it became a very important provincial port." Russell Shorto, the author of "The Island at the Center of the World," agreed.

"The Dutch brought their pragmatic tolerance and their aggressive free-trading sensibility," Shorto said. "Those two forces got fused into the bedrock of Manhattan Island.

When the English took over, they saw that the island was functioning like no other place in North America. So they kept things more or less intact."

"By the time of the great waves of immigration in the 19th century, newcomers arriving in Manhattan saw a teeming mix of people all getting ahead by what we would call upward mobility," he added.

"They decided it was America. It wasn't America: It was New York.

And it was New York because it had been New Amsterdam. But as they slowly migrated farther west, all the way to the Pacific, they brought some of that sensibility with them. And so they made it part of America." □



"The Fall of New Amsterdam," by Jean Leon Gerome Ferris, which depicts Peter Stuyvesant, New Amsterdam's director-general, standing among residents who are pleading with him not to open fire on the British warships waiting to claim the settlement for England, in a handout photo. Aug. 26 celebrates the 350th anniversary of New York, but an ambivalence toward the British and a dispassion for the past means the city isn't celebrating with any official commemoration.

(The Library of Congress via The New York Times)

of the founding of Amsterdam in the Netherlands to actually expunge "1664" from the city's official seal and flag and replace it with 1625, to coincide with the arrival of the Dutch.

Alluding to the current lack of any hullabaloo, Michael Miscione, the Manhattan borough historian, said, "This year, Paul O'Dwyer is smiling in his grave."

Mike Wallace, a City University historian and a co-author of "Gotham: A History of New York to 1898," said the British might have

a re-enactment of British ships threatening to bombard the Wall Street area? But nothing actually happened, not a shot fired, except for Peter Stuyvesant's temper tantrum. Not sparky stuff.

Lowering a Dutch flag somewhere and raising a British one instead? Doesn't set the pulse a-pounding." Nor, apparently, did the anniversary inspire much celebration in the past.

In 1914, New York City chose not to commemorate its 250th birthday, in-

the Founding of the City of New York.

The mayor, Robert F. Wagner Jr., was not among them; however, a George Washington look-alike was. This year, the typically undemonstrative British have no plans to mark the occasion, perhaps mindful that in 1673 they proved no better at defending Manhattan when the Dutch attacked and that a little over a century later they were kicked out of the country altogether.

The impact of the transfer

Ukrainian president Poroshenko dissolves parliament

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Associated Press

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — Ukraine's president on Monday dissolved parliament and called for early elections in October as his country continues to battle a pro-Russian insurgency in its eastern regions.

In a statement on his website, President Petro Poroshenko said snap elections would be held Oct. 26.

Poroshenko said the dissolution, which was pre-figured by the breakup of the majority coalition last month, was in line with "the expectations of the vast majority of the citizens of Ukraine" and called it a move toward "cleansing" the parliament.

Many members of parliament "are allies of the militants-separatists," Poroshenko said, referring to the pro-Russian rebels who have battled government troops in the country's east since April.

The Party of Regions, which is backed by much of the country's industrial, Russian-speaking east and was supported by pro-Russian ex-president Viktor Yanukovich, was the largest party in parliament before

Yanukovich fled the country in the wake of massive protests in February and still has a substantial presence. Most of these members "accepted dictatorial laws that took the lives of the Heaven's Hundred," he said, using the common term for those killed during the protests against Yanukovich, many by sniper fire. He emphasized the need to elect new leaders from the war-torn areas of east Ukraine in order to represent the region in the new government. It wasn't clear how it would be possible to conduct elections at such short notice in Donetsk and Luhansk, where hundreds of thousands have fled their homes and shelling between rebel and government forces continues daily.

Over the past month, Ukrainian forces have made substantial inroads against pro-Russia separatists in eastern Ukraine, taking control of several sizeable towns and cities that had been under rebel control since April, when the clashes began.

But the advances have come at a high cost — more than 2,000 civilians



An alleged spy for Ukrainian troops, who was captured by the Donetsk People's Republic, stands wrapped in a Ukrainian flag in Donetsk, Ukraine, Aug. 25, 2014. Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said Russia hoped to send a second convoy into east Ukraine this week, despite the widespread condemnation prompted by the last one.

(Mauricio Lima/The New York Times)

reportedly killed and at least 726 Ukrainian servicemen. There is no independent figure for the number of rebel dead, although Ukrainian authorities said Monday that 250 rebels were in fighting around Olenivka, a town 25 kilometers (15 miles) south of Donetsk.

Many have expressed hopes ahead of a summit

Tuesday in Minsk, Belarus that includes both Poroshenko and Russian President Vladimir Putin, and could be aimed at pressuring Ukraine into seeking a negotiated end to the conflict rather than a military victory.

Earlier Monday, a Ukrainian official said a column of Russian tanks and armored vehicles entered southeastern Ukraine — a move that brings the conflict to an area that has so far escaped the intense fighting of recent weeks. □

Scotland:

Leaders clash in final debate before vote

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Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Scotland's leading politician vied with Britain's former treasury chief in a heated televised debate Monday, making a final push to capture wavering voters three weeks ahead of a historic referendum on Scottish independence.

Pro-independence First Minister Alex Salmond and Alistair Darling argued and shouted over each other on questions from defense to the sustainability of an economy dependent on revenues from North Sea oil, but the heart of the 90-minute exchange centered on what currency an independent Scotland would use.

The two rivals had faced off

in a first debate session on Aug. 5, and both men stuck to familiar arguments Monday. Salmond reiterated that he wanted the territory to keep using the pound sterling in a currency union with the rest of the U.K.

But Darling, who leads the "No" campaign, maintained that such a deal would not work and would leave Scotland with little control over its economy. His opponents provided no financial security for Scotland's future generations, he argued.

"Any country's starting point is currency, money," he said. "Uncertainty about currency can bring a country to its knees."


Salmond appealed to television audiences to vote for a Scotland governed by

Scottish people.

"We can create a prosperous nation and a fairer society. A real vision for the people of Scotland. This is our time, it's our moment — let us do it now," he said in his opening remarks.

The debate was the last one before the Sept. 18 referendum. Polls have suggested that voters are narrowly divided on whether to break up Scotland's 307-year-old union with England, or remain alongside the English, Welsh and Northern Irish inside the United Kingdom.

While the anti-independence side has maintained a consistent lead, support for independence has been growing and thousands of still-undecided voters are holding the balance. □



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Gaza attacks triggers Israeli exodus from border

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Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Hundreds of Israelis left their homes along the border with the Gaza Strip on Monday, reflecting growing frustration over the war with Hamas and the Palestinian mortar fire raining down on their communities. Tens of thousands of Israelis have fled the area in nearly two months of fighting, which has turned the communities into virtual ghost towns. With the school year fast approaching, the government began offering assistance to residents Monday in the first large-scale voluntary evacuation in nearly eight weeks of fighting. Officials estimate that 70 percent of the 40,000 inhabitants of the farming communities along the Gaza border have left over the course of the fighting, including hundreds on Monday. Some went to stay with relatives and friends, while others are staying at hostels or were taken in by strangers who want to help fellow Israelis. Fields that once yielded vegetables and flowers are barren and pockmarked by Palestinian mortar shells. Streets are empty and most homes eerily silent.

The fighting has killed more than 2,100 Palestinians, according to Gaza officials, leveled thousands of buildings and left tens of thousands of people homeless.

Egypt:

More prisoners join ongoing hunger strike

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — A prominent Egyptian activist imprisoned for three months has joined a growing number of prisoners in an ongoing hunger strike to protest the government's crackdown on dissent, a Cairo-based rights group and her lawyer said Monday.

The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information said at least a dozen protesters and activists behind bars have started a hunger strike in the past week, including

The death toll on the Israeli side has been much lower, largely because of Israel's network of air raid sirens, bomb shelters and the Iron Dome missile-defense system.

Yet Israel's defenses have been largely ineffective against short-range mortar fire - a deficiency under-

old father of four who left Nahal Oz, the scene of the deadly attack, several weeks ago with his family.

He said the family is now staying in a nearby kibbutz, where he has 15 to 20 seconds to get to a shelter, which he said is an improvement.

He said nearly all of Nahal

now," he said.

He said he will return as soon as it is safe. "We just want quiet. We don't want to be scared when our kids go to school," he said.

The military says Gaza militants have fired at least 1,400 mortars on the border communities since the fighting began.



A shopkeeper talks to Israeli soldiers near the deserted kibbutz Nahal Oz, on the Gaza border with Israel Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. Officials estimate that 70 percent of the 40,000 Israeli inhabitants of farming communities along the Gaza border have left, including hundreds Monday.

(AP Photo/Tsafrir Abayov)

scored when a 4-year-old boy was killed Friday by a Palestinian mortar shell.

"The community is very close to the border, and we have almost no warning of incoming fire," said Elazar Ashtivkar, a 30-year-

Oz's roughly 400 residents have left. Only a few workers in charge of taking care of the cows along with some security personnel remain, he said.

"The agricultural fields were destroyed. There is nothing

It is not the first time residents have left their homes during the fighting. Several weeks ago, heavily armed Gaza militants tunneled into territory near their communities, terrifying residents and sparking an exodus. □

Zimbabwe seeks China's aid as Xi greets Mugabe

BEIJING (AP)

— Zimbabwe President Robert Mugabe met with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on Monday on a visit to China hoping the long-time ally and economic giant can help the African nation's ailing economy.

Mugabe, who has been criticized by Western nations for human rights violations, was welcomed with a 21-gun salute at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

"Your Excellency is a renowned leader of the African national liberation movement," Xi said in remarks to Mugabe in a meeting in front of journalists who were briefly allowed into the room. Xi hailed him as an old friend of the Chinese people.

"The traditional friendship between China and Zimbabwe was forged in the glorious years when we stood shoulder to shoulder against imperialism, colonialism and hegemony," Xi said. The leaders oversaw the signing of a number of agreements, including on economic, trade and tourism cooperation and emergency food donations and concessional loans from China to the southern African nation. No details were immediately released.

Mugabe told Xi that Zimbabwe, being the smaller country, benefited more from the relationship, but said his government would do its best to "reciprocate your friendship."

Zimbabwe, a once-prosperous nation of 13 million people, has struggled since 90-year-old Mugabe defeated rival Morgan Tsvangirai in a 2013 vote marked by allegations of irregularities. Mugabe's victory ended an uneasy power-sharing deal, but foreign investors have been deterred by concerns about corruption and government policies to force foreign-owned and white-owned businesses to cede 51 percent of their shares to black Zimbabweans. □

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Girls from Brazil's favelas find escape in ballet

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SAO PAULO (AP) — Past the graffiti-covered overpass and subway tracks, in a slum penned in by high-rises, 8-year-old Gabriela Aparecida fixes her curly hair into a bun as she waits for a ride to her new favorite activity: ballet. Peeling back the tarp over the doorway, the skinny girl reaches out into the dirt alleyway to hug the church volunteer arriving to take her to dance class. Growing up amid drug dealers and addicts, Gabriela has yet to learn how to read.

Yet she and other girls from a rough neighborhood known as a "cracolândia," or crackland, are learning the graceful art courtesy of a local church group that also offers them food, counseling and Bible studies.

The class is among several groups where young dancers hope to catch the eye of a respected Brazilian ballerina who recruits dozens of disadvantaged girls for an annual workshop. Twice a week, more than 20 girls, ages 5 through 12, board a Volkswagen van for a 10-minute ride to class, where they put on pink or black tights and ballet shoes donated by a dancewear store.

On a recent day, instructor Joana Machado played a jaunty tune of flutes and piano. Sitting on the floor, the girls formed a circle with their legs out in front of them and knees straight. They flexed their feet and then stretched their toes down toward the floor, over and over again while Machado corrected the younger ones' form.

The time spent focused on grace and control is far removed from the girls' daily lives. Many are being raised by parents who are recovering from or are addicted to drugs. Some girls

are more likely to become pregnant as teens, and the last 2010 census found the rate of illiteracy was twice as high in the slums than in other areas of Brazil.

"We see all kinds of sto-

project. "I feel always responsible for their lives, always worried about what may happen."

Machado just opened the studio named "House of Dreams" in the neighbor-

Ballet dancer Priscilla Yokoi, whose performances have taken her to 15 countries including the United States, recently visited and chose five of the girls for the annual workshop. It allows 150 disadvantaged children to take four days of classes with foreign ballerinas and perform a show in October. The school Gabriela attends doesn't accept boys, but some of the other groups that Yokoi visits do. Yokoi recently traveled to another slum in Sao Paulo where an audition at a basketball court attracted about 40 dancers and dozens of onlookers from the neighborhood. Some of the girls who took up dancing at a local studio sat on the cold concrete while Yokoi looked for the prettiest pointed feet.

At the workshop in Paulinia, a city north of Sao Paulo, Yokoi brings dance scouts from the only school the prestigious Bolshoi Ballet operates outside of Russia. Yokoi said she wanted to expand on efforts like the Bolshoi school, which opened in 2000 in the southern Brazilian city of Joinville and accepts only a handful of students each year.

"The way I see ballet in these forgotten areas is



A church worker walks ballet student Maria home after her ballet class at The House of Dreams dance studio in a neighborhood overrun by crack addicts, called "Crackland," in downtown Sao Paulo, Brazil. Girls growing up in favelas are more likely to become pregnant as teens, and the last 2010 census found the rate of illiteracy was twice as high in the slums than in other areas of Brazil.

(AP Photo/Andre Penner)

live with relatives who are dealers, or they have been abandoned and taken in by neighbors. Some have experienced violence.

Girls growing up in favelas

ries here. From girls who haven't showered in days, who don't know how to brush their teeth, who are locked inside their homes all day," said Machado, instructor and head of the

hood, relocating the class from a more commercial area of Sao Paulo. Machado herself was raised by a drug addict, who later recovered, in the northeastern state of Bahia.

Guilty pleas in Puerto Rico police corruption case

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

— Sixteen former police officers in Puerto Rico have admitted to operating what amounts to a criminal enterprise in the U.S. island territory, the U.S. Justice Department said Monday.

The ex-officers have pleaded guilty to charges that include robbery, extortion, manipulating court records in exchanging bribes

and selling narcotics while members of a police force that has been under scrutiny for corruption and human rights violations.

Thirteen of the officers were convicted under the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act following an FBI investigation, the department said in a statement.

Authorities say that as re-

cently as 2012 the officers worked together to steal from people during traffic stops and home searches, dividing up the proceeds among themselves. They would also plant evidence to make false arrests and then extort money from the victims in exchange for helping to get the charges dropped. They also sold "wholesale" quantities of

drugs, the statement said. Sentencing for the former officers is scheduled to start in December. They face a range of sentences, from about three years in prison to more than 11 years.

The department has been operating under a 10-year federally mandated oversight program since 2011 because of corruption and civil rights violations.

Talk of Central Bank action grows as European economy fades

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FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)
 — Worries about the economy are rippling through Europe. Downbeat data have pushed the European Central Bank closer to more

106.3 points in August, from 108 in July and below analysts' expectations for a dip to 107. The downbeat signal from the largest of the 18 economies that use the euro follows drops in other surveys of business activity. The cur-

purchases of financial assets, known as quantitative easing, or QE. He said Friday at a conference in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, that inflation expectations have "exhibited significant declines at all horizons." He said the bank would



Head of the European Central Bank, ECB, Mario Draghi attends a news conference in Frankfurt, Germany.

(AP Photo/Boris Roessler)

drastic action to keep the hesitant recovery from stalling completely. Meanwhile, open feuding in the French government about how to break out of economic stagnation saw President Francois Hollande dissolve the cabinet and order Prime Minister Manuel Valls to form a new team. Concerns had grown so strong that by Monday investors were willing to bet that the ECB will intervene with new stimulus measures, based on comments late Friday by bank President Mario Draghi. Stocks in Europe rallied. Draghi warned that low inflation — a sign of economic weakness — could be getting worse. Draghi also underlined the sense of urgency by telling European governments to make a more coordinated effort to boost growth through tax cuts and a new joint investment program. Predictions that more ECB help will be needed were reinforced Monday by a drop in Germany's closely-watched Ifo business confidence index. It fell to

rency union showed zero growth in the second quarter after four quarters of weak recovery from its crisis over government debt. The recent data, coupled with turmoil in Ukraine and the Middle East, has shaken confidence in the ECB's outlook that modest growth will continue. The ECB launched a raft of measures in June, including a cut in its benchmark interest rate to a record low of 0.15 percent and an offer of cheap loans to banks that are willing to lend to businesses. Officials have said they want to wait to see how those steps work. But signs are growing that the ECB and its president, Mario Draghi, may not have that luxury. "The continued fall of the Ifo is really problematic for the rest of the euro area, which is barely growing," said Commerzbank's chief economist, Joerg Kraemer. "The ECB's optimistic economic outlook is crumbling." Draghi has said that if weak inflation — now only 0.4 percent — shows signs of worsening, the bank could launch large-scale

"acknowledge these developments" and use "all the available instruments" to keep prices stable. Economist Kraemer said the comments mean that "the probability of broad-based bond purchases (QE) is rising." The ECB's governing council next meets Sept. 4. Shares rallied on Monday on the prospect of more stimulus, with the benchmark German and French indexes up 1.8 percent and 2.1 percent. The euro fell to \$1.3198 from \$1.3242 late Friday — QE can send a currency lower. Tellingly, European government bonds rose, driving down their yields, which move opposite to price. Germany's 10-year bond yielded 0.93 percent; the equivalent bond issued by Ireland, which needed to be bailed out in 2010, yielded 1.81 percent, below even U.S. Treasuries at 2.39 percent. In quantitative easing, a central bank creates new money and uses it to buy financial assets such as bonds. That pumps newly created money into the financial system. □

French government dissolves over economic policy discord

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PARIS (AP) — President Francois Hollande is weighing his options after dissolving the government on Monday over open feuding in the Cabinet about how much cutting — or spending — will revive the country's stagnant economy. Hollande is to announce a new government on Tuesday. The debate among French Socialists mirrors one taking place across Europe on whether to pursue a German-led model of fiscal austerity or use more government spending to spur growth. Prime Minister Manuel Valls offered up his Socialist government's resignation after accusing France's outspoken economy minister of crossing a line with his blunt criticism of the government's policies. Hollande accepted the resignation and ordered Valls to form a new government by Tuesday. Hollande has promised cuts to taxes and spending as well as reforms to make it easier for businesses to open and operate. The measures are meant to reduce the tax burden for companies and also contain the government's deficit, which is above the European Union's limit of 3 percent of GDP. France has had effectively no economic growth this year, unemployment is hovering around 10 percent and Hollande's approval ratings are sunk in the teens. The country is under pressure from the 28-nation EU to get its finances in order, but Economy Minister Arnaud Montebourg has criticized austerity as the wrong medicine to foster growth and argues the government should spend more freely to create jobs. He lashed out at the government's policies in a final adieu as minister on Monday. "The entire world is urging us — even begging us — to end these absurd austerity policies that are plunging the eurozone into an economic slowdown," he said in a statement to the press. "My responsibility as economy minister is to tell the truth, and observe... that not only these austerity policies are not working, but they are also unfair, as well as being ineffective" Hollande's promised reforms have stalled, in large part because of the divisions within his Socialist Party. Montebourg unsettled his government bosses over the weekend by proclaiming that a "major change in our economic policy," was needed — just days after Hollande had expressly said there would be no change in the government's economic direction. The minister's comments angered the Socialist leadership, which said Montebourg's job was to support the government, not criticize it from within. "He's not there to start a debate but to put France back on the path of growth," Carlos Da Silva, the Socialist Party spokesman, told the Le Figaro newspaper. Montebourg represents the hard-left Socialist base, and his departure from the government is likely to anger many of the voters who brought Hollande to office in 2012. Since that time, France's economy has only worsened, and the sense of impending crisis weighs heavily. Montebourg was conducting a "very responsible and constructive debate on questions that we have been asking for months," said Christian Paul, a Socialist parliamentarian who is among a clutch of leftist rebels backing Montebourg. "It looks like a schoolyard punishment." French officials have already made clear the deficit will again surpass the EU's 3 percent limit and are negotiating a delay. □



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-Reviewed April 29, 2014.
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most amazing dinner. I had the Lobster Thermidor and my wife had the Garlic Pan-Fried grouper. We couldn't get enough. Both were recommended by our waiter Franco, he was great and knew exactly what he was talking about. Perfect dinner, will be back soon!

"Lunch at the Blue Lobster"
-Reviewed February 13, 2014.
Our lunch at The Blue Lobster was the first time we have dined there. This is our 9th visit to Aruba. Needless to say we have eaten at many restaurants during our visits on the island. We thoroughly enjoyed our meal. Everything was delicious. The presentation was very appealing. I had Lobster Thermidor and my husband had Lobster



best places to dine. It is located down the road from Wendy's on Palm Beach. It doesn't have fancy chandeliers hanging, however it does offer excellent service in a very relaxing environment. They offer tables inside with AC and outside dining to enjoy the fantastic evening breeze of Aruba. When your food arrives, it is garnished so beautifully, that you don't want to mess it up. I had the lobster, shrimp and grouper, which was so wonderfully cooked, with a flavor that I guarantee you won't find anywhere else. I highly recommend you give it a try. The prices are very reasonable. My meal was \$39.00 well worth the money.

Ravioli. The restaurant itself is nice and cozy and our waiter was very amiable. I definitely recommend this restaurant!

"Impeccable Taste and Great Service!"
- Reviewed July 30, 2013.
Last night, I enjoyed another great night at The Blue Lobster with my colleague Brian Tromp. I am a local resident on Aruba, and this is my favorite restaurant. Time and time again, the food is delicious, and seems to get better with every visit and so does the staff. Everyone should at least visit here once while on vacation. I also see more locals there, with every visit I make.

"Best Dinner Yet!"
-Reviewed August 17, 2014.
So! We've been on the island for 5 days on our honeymoon and have tried many different restaurants. We found The Blue Lobster through TripAdvisor and gave it a shot. This was the

"Cute Little Restaurant with Great Food & Service"
- Reviewed August 20, 2014.
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ORANJESTAD - The second edition of the Electric Festival Aruba will take place from Wednesday 3 to Sunday 7 September. After the successful launch of the three-day festival in 2013, the Electric Festival (EF) has been extended to five days. On top of an extension of the festival part, the conference program will also be more elaborate. The EF is thereby making a next step on its way to becoming the biggest annual electronic music festival in the Caribbean. The conference is being organized in collaboration with Amsterdam Dance Event. During the Electric Festival, Aruba is an important meeting place for representatives of record companies and music publishers, artist managers, agencies and programmers of venues and festivals. The conference and festival

reinforce each other and form a perfect networking environment. The first edition of the EF in 2013 was visited by over 15,000 people. For three days Aruba turned into a party island with a large festival billing Chuckie, Erick Morillo and Nero, among others. It wasn't just Arubans who came to the EF. Visitors came from places such as Bonaire, Curacao, Surinam, the United States, Venezuela, Canada, Brazil and Colombia. And Europe was represented by people from the Netherlands, Spain, Austria, Ireland and Italy. Moreover, more than eighty journalists covered the event. The Electric Festival is more than just music. Also art, the Caribbean kitchen and lifestyle are highlighted. During the event, Aruba is the scene of studio sessions, workshops and demonstrations



by DJs, producers, artists and fans, showing once more that it's the center of the electronic dance movement in Latin Ameri-

ca and the Caribbean. The Aruban tourist bureau is the main sponsor of the event, in the conviction that it will grow into an in-

ternationally esteemed festival and that in its wake a surge of new visitors will come to discover Aruba. This will allow Aruba to grow further and also in the future be a welcoming place for tourists. The original idea for the Electric Festival came from Chuckie. In 2012 he celebrated his birthday with a large party on Aruba, where the DJ, artist and producer has been living for the last few years. No less than 850 people showed up, which led Chuckie, through his dance platform Dirty Dutch, to team up with the Aruba Tourism Authority (ATA) and Amsterdam Dance Event (ADE) for the organization of the Electric Festival. Artists to perform at the second edition of the Electric Festival include Knife Party, Chuckie, Loco Dice, Carnage, Lil Jon, and many more! □

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Andy Murray, of the United Kingdom, reacts after winning the first set against Robin Haase, of the Netherlands, during the opening round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in New York.

Associated Press

Murray grits through cramps to win at U.S. Open

RACHEL COHEN
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Spinning in 70 mph second serves, grabbing at his hamstring during points, Andy Murray gritted his way through head-to-toe cramps to win at the U.S. Open. Murray outlasted Robin Haase 6-3, 7-6 (6), 1-6, 7-5 in the first round Monday during an afternoon that was hot but not particularly humid. He was mystified that the cramps came on so early — at the start of the third set after only about an hour and a half on court. “When it starts to kind of go everywhere, you don’t know exactly where it’s going to creep up next,” he said. “When you stretch one muscle, something else then cramps, too.” It started in the back of his left shoulder, then quickly spread to his forearm. The right-handed Murray couldn’t toss the ball high enough to get any pace on his serves. Between points, he’d twist his body to awkwardly stretch his left side. After hitting a winner, he’d reach for his quad.

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SWINGIN' SINGLE



In this May 7, 2013, file photo, Tiger Woods walks with his golfing coach Sean Foley during a practice round for the Players Championship golf tournament at TPC Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Woods is leaving swing coach Sean Foley after four years and no majors. Woods said on his website Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, he will no longer work with Foley.

Associated Press

U.S. swimmer Ledesky leaves her mark in Australia

JOHN PYE
AP Sports Writer

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) —

The long, deep breaths were a sign: Elation, satisfaction, relief. And just a touch of exhaustion.

Katie Ledesky had just wiped almost six seconds off her own world record in the 1,500-meter freestyle to win her fifth gold medal of the Pan Pacific championships, rounding off a phenomenal season of competition.

She now owns the world records in the 400- — she lowered her own mark at that distance the previous night — the 800- and the 1,500-meter freestyle events and is the world champion in all three. And she's still in high school.

Before the Pan Pacific championships, the bulk of the attention focused on the return to international competition of Michael Phelps, the most decorated swimmer of all time. Ledesky's performances made sure Phelps had to share the spotlight.

Phelps, who won eight Olympic gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Games and retired after lifting his tally to 18 golds by the end of the London Games in 2012, was frequently asked about his 17-year-old teammate.

"She's a stud. It's unbelievable," Phelps said of Ledesky after she lowered her record in the 400, describing her reaction to all the fuss over her times as "so nonchalant."

"Watching her swim is remarkable," he said. "She throws it on the line — she's very talented, she works hard, and it shows."

Ledesky enjoys swimming the 1,500, but it's not an Olympic



Katie Ledesky of the U.S. smiles as she poses with her gold medal after she set a new world record in her women's 1500m freestyle final at the Pan Pacific swimming championships in Gold Coast, Australia, Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014. Ledesky won the race setting a new world record of 15 minutes, 28.36 seconds
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event for women so it's not a big part of her longer-term plans beyond the world championships next year. She likes the challenge of it. Her reaction to winning the 200, 400 and 800 freestyle golds

were fairly subdued and self-effacing.

Although she said it was "kind of cool" to be the first to set a world record at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre's new outdoor pool, she

said she also loved playing a role in a winning 4x200 freestyle relay for the Americans.

All of her records came in some pretty difficult weather conditions — steady rain and a cold wind off the nearby Pacific Ocean during most of the sessions. It was a final, and uncharacteristic, blast of the last few weeks of the southern hemisphere winter in this part of Australia.

After completing the 30 laps in 15 minutes, 28.36 seconds — her third world record in 15 days — she really let her emotions show, slapping the water in delight after an intense final lap when she pushed harder and harder to the wall. "That was probably one of my most painful races," Ledesky said. "But it paid off in the end. I figured pretty early on in the race that I was on world-record pace. I wasn't sure about the middle if I fell off too much, because it did really hurt. I was pretty sure I had it, but breaking it by six seconds was pretty surprising."

It was the third time in 13 months she's set the mark in the 1,500, and the second within three months since her 15:34.23 in June. "The 1,500 is not a huge priority of mine because it's not an Olympic event — (but) it's certainly one of my favorite events," she said. "It was the last day of the meet — last time I broke it, it was the first day of the meet — so pretty different."

Now, for a change, the 2012 Olympic 800-meter champion will get a well-earned break from competition before training picks up again for the 2015 world championships. □



Australian rider Michael Matthews of Orica GreenEdge celebrates his victory on the finish line of the third stage of the Spanish Vuelta, in Arcos de La Frontera, Cadiz, Spain, Monday Aug. 25, 2014.
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Matthews wins 3rd Vuelta stage, takes lead

ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA, Spain (AP) — Michael Matthews of Australia sprinted to victory on a hot and sunny third stage of the Spanish Vuelta on Monday to take the overall lead of the three-week grand tour.

Matthews passed Daniel Martin at the finish line to claim the hilly 197.8-kilometer (122.9-mile) ride from Cadiz to Arcos de la Frontera in 5 hours, 12 minutes, 14 seconds. Joaquim Rodriguez crossed third. Matthews' win gave him the red leader's jersey from Alejandro Valverde.

Matthews' Orica GreenEdge team took charge of the peloton during a long stretch to reel in a small breakaway before setting up the stage winner.

"It makes the win so much sweeter to be able to win when your whole team has absolutely smashed themselves for you," Matthews said. "The heat was the main factor today and then the climb in the final was very hard but I had the team to put me in the perfect position and from there it was up to me to deliver for them."

Matthews opened a four-second lead over Giro d'Italia winner Nairo Quintana. Valverde fell to third in the general classifica-

tion, 11 seconds behind Matthews.

Two-time winner Alberto Contador trails by 23 seconds, while Chris Froome is 31 seconds back followed by Rodriguez another seven seconds behind.

The stage, which saw temperatures rise to near 40 degrees Celsius (over 100 degrees Fahrenheit), started with the cyclists riding off the Spanish aircraft carrier Juan Carlos I docked in Cadiz.

Valverde and two other Movistar teammates crashed with less than 20 kilometers to go when Jonathan Castroviejo fell while trying to grab a bag of

water bottles from a team worker.

Valverde took a blow to the back but all three got back on their bikes and finished in the group.

"I started the climb well behind and because of that, I'm happy with the time I lost," Valverde said. "It's nothing. My back hurts a bit after the crash, but I hope it's not serious and I can recover well."

Tuesday's fourth stage is a 164.7-kilometer (102.3-mile) ride from Mairena del Alcor to Cordoba featuring one category-two climb. The race ends in Santiago de Compostela on Sept. 14. □



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Tiger Woods splits with swing coach Sean Foley

DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

PARAMUS, N.J. (AP) — Tiger Woods is leaving swing coach Sean Foley after four years and no majors.

Woods said on his website Monday he will no longer work with Foley, the Canadian whom he hired when his game was at its low point following the upheaval with his marriage. The announcement came one day after another Foley pupil, Hunter Mahan, won The Barclays.

"I'd like to thank Sean for his help as my coach and for his friendship," Woods said. "Sean is one of the outstanding coaches in golf today, and I know he will continue to be successful with the players working with him." Woods has been coping with back problems for more than a year. He had surgery March 31 to alleviate a pinched nerve, forcing him to miss two majors during his three months of recovery. He missed two cuts, withdrew from another tournament and had his worst 72-hole finish in a major after returning.

He is taking three months off in a bid to regain his full strength, and said this would be the right time to dismiss Foley. Woods is not scheduled to play again until his World Challenge in Orlando, Florida, the first week in December.

He does not have a coach and said there was no timetable to hire one.

"My time spent with Tiger is one of the highlights of my career so far, and I am appreciative of the many experiences we shared together," Foley said in a statement posted on Woods' website.

Foley was the third coach Woods hired as a professional.

Woods began working with Butch Harmon as a teenager, and they changed his swing twice. The biggest overhaul was after Woods won the Masters by 12 shots. Many believe the new swing produced Woods' most dominant golf, though he also was in his early 20s and had not had serious issues with his knee. Woods won eight majors while with Harmon, including seven in 11 attempts and an unprecedented sweep of them in 2000-01. They parted in 2003. Woods went to Hank Haney and produced another memorable stretch with an entirely different swing. In a two-year period covering 34 tournaments, Woods won 18 times (including four majors) and was runner-up six times. That ended with the 2008 U.S. Open at Torrey Pines, right before his fourth and most invasive knee surgery. That was his 14th major, and Woods has not won another since. He remains four short of the record held by Jack Nicklaus.

Haney announced in May he was leaving Woods, although those close to Woods felt a split was imminent. Woods went through most of 2010 without a coach until hooking up with Foley for the first time at the PGA Championship in 2010 at Whistling Straits.

Woods won three times on the PGA Tour in 2012, and then delivered a five-win season in 2013 when he returned to No. 1. But he rarely challenged in the majors, some of that because of injury.

He missed two majors in 2011 while letting leg injuries fully heal. Woods had a share of the 36-hole lead in the U.S. Open and PGA Championship in 2012, but



In this July 16, 2014, file photo, Tiger Woods is watched by coach Sean Foley on the practice green ahead of the British Open Golf championship at the Royal Liverpool golf club in, Hoylake, England. Associated Press

he was not a factor on Sunday. He was two shots off the lead going into the final round of the 2013 British

Open and fell back quickly. He missed two more majors this year because of injury. Foley, who first worked with

Stephen Ames, has Mahan and former U.S. Open champion Justin Rose among his clients.

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U.S. Open

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Murray was twice down a break in the fourth set, but the 70th-ranked Haase unraveled with a string of unforced errors. He wasted three break points in the final game, when a missed call also cost him.

The eighth-seeded Murray had felt confident in his conditioning after productive training sessions in Miami, where he weathered far more heat and humidity than this. He wondered if something was amiss in his nutrition.

"Cramping in my left forearm?" a bewildered Murray said. "I mean, I didn't use my left forearm a whole lot today."

Haase, also bothered by some cramping, said he didn't eat and drink enough beforehand because of an earlier-than-expected start — the first match on Louis Armstrong Stadium lasted just 47 minutes.

But Murray didn't think dehydration was his problem, indicating he didn't have any gastrointestinal problems.

Serving for the fourth set at 5-3, Haase double-faulted on break point to allow Murray to get back on serve. Murray then went up 6-5 when he took Haase's second serve high and whacked a forehand winner.

With Murray trying to serve out the match, Haase smacked a deep return on his second break point that might have won him the game. But the ball was called out, and after it was overturned on review, they had to replay the point. This time, Haase hit a volley into the net.

Murray is notorious for suddenly



Venus Williams, of the United States, returns a shot against Kimiko Date-Krumm, of Japan, during the opening round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament, Monday, Aug. 25, 2014, in New York.

Associated Press

clutching at an ailment after a poorly played point. On this day, though, the misery was clearly real. The two-time major champion went after winners to shorten points, tried to stay upright to keep the strain off his legs. It was just enough to eke out the victory. "I don't think if it would have gone to five sets I would've been the favorite," Murray said.

Three years ago, he and Haase did go five in New York, with Murray rallying from a two-set deficit to win in the second round.

After Monday's loss, Haase planned to complain to the ATP that he was denied treatment during the match for a sore foot. But the Dutchman insisted he wasn't distracted by Murray's

shows of discomfort.

"I was more busy with myself, and I was struggling myself," Haase said. "I tried to play my game. It didn't bother me what he did."

Ninth-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga also needed four sets to beat Juan Monaco 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1. Nick Kyrgios — the Australian teen who stunned Rafael Nadal at Wimbledon — came back from three code violations, just one outburst away from default, in a 7-5, 7-6 (4), 2-6, 7-6 (1) upset of 21st-seeded Mikhail Youzhny.

Third-seeded Stan Wawrinka and fifth-seeded Milos Raonic both advanced in straight sets.

Maria Sharapova and Novak Djokovic were to play under the lights at Arthur Ashe Stadium in

the first night session of the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

Earlier, Venus Williams, 34, beat 43-year-old Kimiko Date-Krumm 2-6, 6-3, 6-3. The combined age of 77 was believed to be the oldest for a women's Grand Slam pairing, the WTA said.

Along with the 19th-seeded Williams, 21st-seeded American Sloane Stephens also advanced by routing Annika Beck.

Second-ranked Simona Halep rallied from a set down for a 6-7 (2), 6-1, 6-2 victory over 20-year-old Danielle Rose Collins, who was playing her first main draw match at a tour-level event. As a sophomore at Virginia, an unseeded Collins won the NCAA title to earn a wild card into the U.S. Open. □

Martins scores 2 in 4-2 Seattle win over Portland

PORTLAND, Oregon (AP) — Nigerian forward Obafemi Martins scored two goals and set up another for Clint Dempsey as the Seattle Sounders beat the Portland Timbers 4-2 in Major League Soccer on Sunday. Chad Barrett also scored for the Sounders, who showed little fatigue after five matches in the past 15 days. Fanendo Adi scored twice for the Timbers. With just nine games left, the loss hurts Portland's bid

to return to the MLS playoffs after advancing to the Western Conference finals last year. The Sounders are currently in first place in conference, while the Timbers sit in sixth behind the Whitecaps.

Philadelphia 4, San Jose 2. At Chester, Pennsylvania, Sheanon Williams put Philadelphia ahead in the 72nd minute as the Union beat the San Jose Earthquakes 4-2. Williams' goal came 2 minutes after San Jose had

erased a two-goal deficit with Chris Wondolowski's score in the 70th minute.

Andrew Wenger, who opened the scoring in the 10th minute, also added a goal in the 79th minute. Sebastien Le Toux followed 4 minutes later, capitalizing on a weak clearance attempt by San Jose. Sam Cronin got the Quakes on the board with a half-volley into the top corner from well beyond the penalty box in the 59th minute. □



Seattle Sounders player Obafemi Martins, second from left, vies for the ball against Portland Timbers Norberto Papparatto, second from right, during an MLS soccer match in Portland, Ore., Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014.

Associated Press

Hamilton powers Angels past A's

The Associated Press
OAKLAND, California (AP)

— Josh Hamilton homered and drove in three runs, and Mike Trout also went deep as the Los Angeles Angels regained the best record on baseball, beating the Oakland Athletics 9-4 on Sunday night.

Erick Aybar had two hits and two RBIs and Kole Calhoun finished with three hits for the Angels, who ended a five-game losing streak to the A's in Oakland. Albert Pujols and Howie Kendrick each drove in a run as Los Angeles won for the ninth time in 12 games.

Alberto Callaspo and Andy Parrino homered for Oakland, which had won three of four to move into a tie for the top spot in the AL West. Jered Weaver (14-7) struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings while improving to 7-1 with a 3.78 ERA in his last 13 starts. He allowed three runs and eight hits.

Scott Kazmir (14-6) matched his season highs in runs (seven) and hits (10) in three-plus innings.

INDIANS 3, ASTROS 1

CLEVELAND (AP) — Trevor Bauer took a shutout into the seventh and won for the first time since July 18, leading the Indians to a victory over the Astros.

Bauer (5-7) held Houston

to four hits and struck out nine.

Cody Allen, the Indians' fourth pitcher, worked out of ninth-inning trouble for his 17th save.

Jon Singleton's RBI double in the eighth off Bryan Shaw scored Houston's only run. Brett Oberholtzer (4-9) allowed three runs in 6 2-3 innings.

YANKEES 7, WHITE SOX 4, 10 INNINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — Pinch-hitter Brian McCann lined a three-run homer with two outs in the 10th inning, as the Yankees beat the White Sox to complete a three-game sweep.

Ichiro Suzuki had a two-run single and the Yankees rallied for their fourth straight victory following a 2-7 slide. Avisail Garcia hit a tying homer in the ninth for the White Sox, who have lost a season-high six in a row and dropped their last eight games at Yankee Stadium. Carlos Beltran doubled off Jake Petricka (0-3) with two outs in the 10th, and Chase Headley was intentionally walked. McCann, batting for backup catcher Francisco Cervelli, laced a full-count pitch over the 314-foot sign in the right-field corner.

David Huff (3-1) threw a called third strike past slug-

ger Jose Abreu with two on to end the top of the 10th.

MARINERS 8, RED SOX 6 BOSTON (AP) — Dustin Ackley had three hits and scored three runs as Seattle's bullpen was sharp for the second straight day as the Mariners handed the Red Sox their eighth straight loss.

Ackley had a triple, double and single, finishing 13 for 25 in six games against Boston this season. The Mariners completed their first-ever sweep in a series of three or more games in Fenway Park.

Kyle Seager drove in two runs for Seattle.

Dominic Leone (7-2) worked 2 2-3 innings of hitless relief for the win.

Trailing 5-3, Seattle scored a run in the fourth and took the lead with two in the fifth against Allen Webster (3-2).

RANGERS 3, ROYALS 1 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Scott Baker won as a starter for the first time in more than three years as the Rangers beat the AL Central-leading Royals to avoid a series sweep.

Adrian Beltre put Texas ahead to stay with an RBI double in the first. Beltre had his fifth straight multihit game.

Baker (2-3) went five innings in a spot start.



Oakland Athletics starting pitcher Scott Kazmir (26) walks back to the mound as Los Angeles Angels' Josh Hamilton rounds the bases after hitting a 2-run home run in the third inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, in Oakland, Calif.

Associated Press

Jason Vargas (10-6) allowed 11 hits and walked four in his six innings.

TIGERS 13, TWINS 4

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Victor Martinez homered and had four RBIs to lead the Tigers over the Twins.

Rajai Davis also connected for the Tigers, who have won two straight to earn a split of this four-game series.

Minnesota scored 32 runs in winning the first two games of the series and Detroit had 21 in taking the last two.

Martinez homered off Brian Duensing in the sixth for a 7-3 lead. His 25th home run of the season ties his career high set in 2007 with Cleveland.

Tigers starter Max Scherzer (15-4) lasted just five in-

nings, allowing seven hits and three earned runs.

Minnesota starter Kyle Gibson (11-10) only pitched 4 2-3 innings on a hot and humid afternoon, allowing five earned runs on eight hits.

RAYS 2, BLUE JAYS 1, 10 INNINGS

TORONTO (AP) — Evan Longoria singled home the go-ahead run in the 10th inning as the Rays beat the Blue Jays.

Facing Sergio Santos (0-3), who was promoted from Triple-A Buffalo earlier in the day, Ben Zobrist walked to begin the 10th and went to third on Logan Forsythe's flyball that Nolan Reimold dropped for a two-base error. Longoria followed with a groundball single to left, scoring Zobrist. □

NFL, FIFA join forces to evaluate concussions

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Medical officials from the NFL, FIFA and other sports organizations are banding together to look into better ways to identify, manage and treat concussions.

The "think tank," funded by an educational grant from the NFL, was held Sunday and Monday at league headquarters in New York. Dozens of scientific and medical personnel from football, rugby and equestrian circles participated.

Dr. Rich Ellenbogen, chairman of the NFL's head,

neck and spine committee, said the various sports organizations "need to look at all variations of what is being done around the world."

"This will change the paradigm," Ellenbogen said of such cooperation among sports. "How can we accelerate the information? This can provide a unique perspective to get people back to health. There are a lot of big ideas that can come out of this that resonated with all the leagues that may have not come up if they had done it in isolation."

Among those on hand were FIFA's chief medical officer, Dr. Jiri Dvorak; Dr. Martin Raftery of the International Rugby Board; Dr. Willem Meeuwisse of the University of Calgary's sports injury prevention research center; and Dr. Paul McCrory, an associate professor at Australia's Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health.

McCrory, who works with Australian Rules Football, also emphasized the need to work collectively.

"This is an exciting development in the science of sports concussion," he said.

"Working with international sports leaders not only benefits athletes in professional sports but amateur participants throughout the world."

Handling concussions was a major topic at the recently concluded World Cup in Brazil. In the wake of FIFA being criticized during the tournament for not effectively policing concussions, Dvorak insisted that the team doctor has final say over players returning to action after an apparent head injury.

He promised that FIFA would make it clear who is

in charge if a player is suspected to be concussed.

"There is a controversy about overruling the decision of the team doctor," he said. "From FIFA's side, we will strengthen the position of the team doctor, as we did already in the past." More meetings are planned, perhaps as soon as later this year. The methodology for future research must be determined, as well as which sports might have particularly strong insight into certain treatments. Funding for any initiatives must also still be decided. □

NL Capsules

Nationals rough up Giants bullpen in 14-6 win

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ian Desmond and Bryce Harper homered and drove in two runs each, helping the streaking Nationals rally for the win.

Jose Lobaton doubled among his three hits, drove in a run and scored twice for the Nationals, who took the game against the Giants despite a labored four-inning outing from starter Stephen Strasburg. Craig Stammen (4-4) allowed a run in two innings of relief for NL-East leading Washington, which has won 12 of 13. Danny Espinosa also homered for the Nationals.

Giants reliever Jeremy Afeldt (3-2) allowed five hits and five runs in the sixth without retiring a batter after the departure of starter Ryan Vogelsong.

REDS 5, BRAVES 3

CINCINNATI (AP) — Alfredo Simon pitched seven strong innings to earn his first win in eight starts since the All-Star break and Todd Frazier homered for the Reds.

Simon (13-8), who was 0-5 since pitching in the All-Star Game, opened with six shutout innings before yielding a run in the seventh. He allowed five hits with one walk and six strikeouts over seven innings.

Logan Ondrusek allowed Evan Gattis's 20th homer leading off the ninth and Jonathan Broxton gave up Jason Heyward's RBI single before coaxing Justin Up-

ton into grounding into a base-loaded forceout for his seventh save for the Reds.

The Reds have won back-to-back games for the first time since winning three straight against Cleveland August 5-7.

PHILLIES 7, CARDINALS 1

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jim-

games.

Williams (2-0) continued his fine form with Philadelphia, his third team this season. The right-hander allowed one run on five hits while setting a season high for innings.

Justin Masterson (2-2) was lifted after giving up five runs and six hits in three in-

gave up a homer to Andrew McCutchen with one in the ninth. Rodriguez put the tying run aboard with two outs with a walk before striking out Pedro Alvarez for his 39th save.

Milwaukee knocked around Vance Worley (5-4) for four runs over the first two innings, with each hit

game back in the desert a year ago, Kennedy (10-11) was sharp against his former team before tiring late, striking out six in 5 2-3 innings.

Grandal provided plenty of support, hitting a deep sacrifice fly in the first inning and clearing the wall easily in the fifth with a three-run homer off Chase Anderson (7-6).

Pinch-hitter Will Venable added a two-run homer and Joaquin Benoit worked a perfect ninth for his eighth save to give San Diego manager Bud Black his 600th career win.

ROCKIES 7, MARLINS 4

DENVER (AP) — Nolan Arenado hit a two-run homer and Christian Bergman pitched into the seventh to earn his first major league win, helping the Rockies beat the Marlins.

Bergman (1-2) was reinstated from the disabled list earlier in the day after missing 51 games with a broken left hand. He gave up nine hits and four runs in his first start since June 20.

Arenado kept up his torrid month by going 2 for 4, raising his average to .388 in August.

Miami's Brad Hand (2-6) settled down after giving up two early homers. But he lasted just 4 1-3 innings and was charged with four runs and nine hits.

CUBS 2, ORIOLES 1

CHICAGO (AP) — Tsuyoshi Wada allowed Steve Pearce's leadoff homer in the seventh inning for Baltimore's only hit as the Cubs beat the AL East-leading Orioles for a three-game sweep. Wada (4-1) got a popout after the homer that landed on Waveland Avenue and departed to a standing ovation from the crowd of 32,774. He struck out a career-high eight and walked one in 6 1-3 innings in his eighth career start. Arismendy Alcantara homered run for the Cubs.

Miguel Gonzalez (6-7) allowed two runs and six hits in 6 1-3 innings after he was recalled from Triple-A Norfolk to replace Ubaldo Jimenez (4-9, 4.74 ERA) in the Orioles rotation. □



Washington Nationals pitcher Stephen Strasburg delivers during the first inning of a baseball game against the San Francisco Giants, Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, in Washington. Associated Press

my Rollins homered and Jerome Williams tossed eight strong innings to lead the Phillies over the Cardinals.

Ben Revere had a pair of hits and an RBI for Philadelphia, which took two of three from the Cardinals to claim consecutive series wins for the first time since April.

Jhonny Peralta and Oscar Taveras had a pair of hits for St. Louis, which lost for just the third time in 11

nings.

BREWERS 4, PIRATES 3

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Mike Fiers held Pittsburgh to two hits in seven innings for his fourth straight win since coming up from Triple-A, and the Brewers avoided a three-game sweep at home.

Fiers (4-1) fanned seven. He allowed Starling Marte's two-run shot in the second before retiring 16 of the next 17 batters.

Closer Francisco Rodriguez

coming with two outs.

METS 11, DODGERS 3

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lucas Duda homered twice, drove in a career-high five runs and was involved in the New York Mets' first triple play in over four seasons, allowing a grieving Bartolo Colon to breeze to a victory over the Dodgers. Colon (12-10) gave up two runs and five hits over six innings and struck out five in his first start since his mother Adriana passed away on Monday from breast cancer.

Kevin Correia (2-1) lasted only three innings on his 34th birthday, giving up seven runs — five earned — and seven hits.

Duda, Reuben Tejada and Travis d'Arnaud all homered against the right-hander.

PADRES 7, DIAMONDBACKS 4

PHOENIX (AP) — Yasmani Grandal homered and drove in four runs, and Ian Kennedy won in his second game back at Chase Field, as the Padres beat the Diamondbacks.

After struggling his first

American soccer player Tim Howard has book deal

NEW YORK (AP) — American soccer hero and international celebrity Tim Howard has advanced to the next round of fame: a book deal.

Howard has penned a memoir that will be published Dec. 9 by HarperCollins Publishers. The publisher said Monday that "The Keeper" will be available in adult and young adult editions.

In a statement issued through HarperCollins, the

35-year-old Howard says he was eager to share the highs and lows of his life and career, including his battles with Tourette's syndrome, and hopes to inspire others.

World Cup fans were dazzled this summer by Howard's 15 saves in the Americans' 2-1 loss in extra time to Belgium in the second round. He recently agreed to a multiyear deal to serve as a commentator for NBC Sports Group. □



In this Saturday, June 26, 2010, file photo, United States goalkeeper Tim Howard clenches his fist during the World Cup round of 16 soccer match between the U. S. and Ghana at Royal Bafokeng Stadium in Rustenburg, South Africa. Associated Press

Luxury fashion takes on fitness technology

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Luxury fashion is making inroads in wearable tech as more designers try their hands at developing smart, stylish accessories and clothing aimed at tracking performance and health, or simply making connected lives easier to manage.

"We actually think the fashion industry should be in the driver's seat," Ayse Ildeniz, vice president of business development and strategy for Intel's new devices group, said at a January event in Las Vegas.

Designers are listening.

Luxury brand Ralph Lauren plans to unveil its high-performance smart compression shirt, the Polo Tech, on Monday at the start of the U.S. Open. The company took in feedback from players and ball boys during practice sessions and plans to begin selling the shirt this spring, said David Lauren, an executive vice president of his father's namesake company.

Hewlett-Packard Co. called on designer Michael Bastian and online retailer Gilt to develop a high-design smart watch that is Android and iOS compatible, allowing a user to take in notifications for email, text and calls, and to manage music and apps. It reportedly, could hit the market this fall.

And Tory Burch partnered with Fitbit for accessories she

designed exclusively for use with the fitness brand's Flex, including a brass pendant and bracelet, and patterned silicone wristbands.

Does the geek side of the equation need the luxury fashion side?

It's the hope of Lauren that Polo Tech, featuring sensors knitted in to read heartbeat, respiration and other biometrics, will resonate with the

that our customers believe, would help them to live happier and healthier lives," Lauren said in an interview ahead of the Open, where the company is the official outfitter.

The tennis tournament, he said, is a great testing ground as sports technology has improved in the last year. Football helmets can measure impact and tennis rackets



This product image released by Ralph Lauren shows the new Polo Tech compression shirt. The garment offers smart technology to send heartbeat, respiration, stress levels and other data to tablets and smartphones. Associated Press

fit and the trying-to-get-fit.

Data collected by the shirt is stored by a "black box," which also is enabled with ways to capture movement and direction. The black box transmits data, including stress levels and energy output, into the cloud for display on a tablet or smartphones.

"What Ralph Lauren is hoping to do is take the technology and to look at opportunities that we believe, and

can tell how hard you — or Roger Federer — hit the ball, and how good his — and your — backhand are in real time.

"We're going to take our time with it now, and we're going to learn," Lauren said. "Our goal is to introduce this technology into a variety of different kinds of shirts over the next year."

Fashion also has Intel's ear. Ildeniz said at the winter

Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas that the chip company is collaborating with the design cooperative Opening Ceremony, the Council of Fashion Designers of America and luxury retailer Barneys to find new ways for technology developers and fashion designers to work more closely on wearables.

The first item up is a luxury smart bracelet to be sold at Barneys New York. The idea is to draw other designers in as well. An update on the bracelet will come in the next few weeks, said Humberto Leon, who founded Opening Ceremony.

"Through this relationship, we have truly pushed boundaries of wearable technology by converging fashion and tech," he said in an email.

According to the NPD Group, the digital fitness category has grown to more than \$330 million, a market large enough to accommodate consumers ranging from serious athletes to hobbyists, NPD analyst Ben Arnold said in a statement. A recent NPD study showed that 52 percent of consumers say they've heard of wearable technology devices, including smart glasses, bracelets, watches and fitness tracking devices, and one-in-three say they're likely to buy one. Misfit's Shine, a waterproof aluminum orb that comes in nine colors, has been on the market for a year. It sells

in big-box stores that include Best Buy and Target, in Apple stores and on Amazon, along with numerous other outlets around the world, said spokeswoman Amy Puliafito.

It retails for \$99, with accessories that include a more formal necklace that costs an additional \$79.

In September, the device will make an appearance on the New York Fashion Week runway of Chromat and its designer Becca McCharen. She's a former urban planner known for structural exoskeletons worn by Beyonce, Nicki Minaj and Madonna.

"Knowing your pulse, your wellness level and your activity level should be something that isn't a burden, isn't something that people don't look forward to, so having something beautiful makes it way more fun and way more enjoyable for the consumer," Puliafito said.

Adam Roth, the CFDA's director of strategic partnerships, is the fashion trade group's point person on the Intel collaboration. He also helped with a recent roundtable where Intel designers sat down with about 70 fashion designers to exchange ideas. "There are so many wearable products coming out," Roth said. "Not every one is useful but may look beautiful. Not every one is beautiful but is really useful. We're getting to the sweet spot, where it's both." □

LG bets on pricey OLED technology as future of TVs

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— LG Electronics Inc. announced two new giant OLED TVs with ultra-high definition screens Monday, sticking with its strategy of using the exceptionally expensive OLED display technology. The South Korean company said it will ship 65-inch OLED TVs starting September in South Korea, Europe and North America. A 77-inch model will hit shelves later this year.

While major TV makers are pushing to make ultra HD

TVs mainstream, they use LCD screens. The super-high resolution picture, also known as 4K, packs four times more pixels than regular HD televisions.

Making ultra HD quality TVs with OLED screens remain costly. LG's 65-inch model will cost 12 million won (\$11,765). Other types of ultra HD televisions sell for less than \$3,000.

OLED features deeper color saturation and a sharper image quality than LCD. But for years, its cost and high production error rate prevented the technology

from catching on among mainstream consumers.

LG said it is committed to OLED because the cost will come down and its advanced screen will eventually replace LCD screens. It forecasts that OLED TV sales will overtake LCD TV sales "within a few years."

"OLED is where we must head next," said Ha Hyunwoi, head of LG's TV business. "It is a matter of time." LG's aggressive bet on OLED TVs is in contrast with its rival Samsung Electronics Co. After rolling out a 55-inch curved TV that



A journalist takes pictures of a LG Electronics' Ultra Organic Light-emitting Diode (OLED) 3D TV during a press unveiling in Seoul, South Korea. Monday, Aug. 25, 2014.

Associated Press

uses an OLED display last year, Samsung has not announced an upgrade to its OLED TV for this year. Sam-

sung uses OLED technology mostly for small devices, such as smartphones and tablet computers. □

Investors urge Ann Taylor firm on chain sales

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Ann Inc., the parent company of Ann Taylor stores, is being pressed to explore options, including a sale, by activist investor Engine Capital and hedge fund Red Alder.

In a letter made public on Monday, Engine Capital and Red Alder said they believed that the company could be worth \$50 to \$55 a share to an acquirer, or a 33 to 46.5 percent premium to its stock price as of Friday.

The retailer operates more than 1,000 stores and outlet stores under the Ann Taylor and Loft brands.

"Ann is an incredibly suitable candidate for a private equity acquirer because of its consistent performance over the years, ability to further improve margins, significant and growing free cash flow generation," the firms wrote in the letter. "A large international retailer could take Ann's iconic brands and significantly expand their presence internationally at a faster pace."

Engine Capital and Red Alder revealed that they had held private discussions with Ann's management over the last couple of weeks, but they had been disappointed with the lack of progress.

The two firms said they owned more than 1 percent of Ann Inc. stock.

"We think the status quo is untenable," the letter said. "Therefore, we urge the board to retain immediately a nationally recognized investment bank and establish a special committee of independent directors to explore strategic alternatives to maximize shareholder value, including a sale of the company."

In a statement, Ann Inc. said that it "welcomes open communications" with its shareholders.

The private equity fund Golden Gate Capital took a 9.5 percent stake in Ann Inc. this year.

S&P 500 touches milestone in Monday trading

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Summer doldrums? Not on Wall Street.

The stock market notched another first on Monday as the Standard & Poor's 500 index nudged briefly past the 2,000-point mark and closed with its second record high in a week.

The move was the latest milestone in a five-year rally for U.S. stocks, which are enjoying a late-summer revival after dipping earlier this month on concerns about geopolitical tensions in Russia and the Middle East.

Investors have put aside those concerns for now, focusing instead on the improving outlook for the U.S. economy, rising earnings and corporate deals.

News on Monday that Burger King was in talks to acquire doughnut chain Tim Hortons and create a new holding company headquartered in Canada had stocks pointing higher in premarket trading.

That built on word over the weekend that California biotech company InterMune agreed to sell itself to Swiss pharmaceutical company Roche for \$8.3 billion. Some other names in biotech also got a boost from the deal.

The deals overshadowed disappointing news in the

housing market.

Shortly after the market opened, the Commerce Department reported that sales of new homes slid 2.4 percent last month.

Homebuilder stocks declined, but the losses didn't spread to the broader mar-

ket. In fact, stocks did the opposite.

The S&P 500, a widely followed barometer of the stock market, crossed above 2,000 in the first hour of trading.

The index fluctuated above and below the milestone throughout the day and ended just below that mark.

"The index number itself is somewhat symbolic," said

9.52 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,997.92. It closed at a record last Thursday of 1,992.37.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 75.65 points, or 0.4 percent, to 17,076.87.

The Nasdaq composite gained 18.80 points, or 0.4



Czech Tomas Berdych, the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament sixth seed, center, and Fabrizio Sestini, ATP marketing director, right, visit with specialist Glenn Carell on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The stock market notched another first on Monday as the S&P 500 index nudged briefly past the 2,000-point mark.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

David Kelley, JPMorgan Funds' chief global strategist. "It's a continuation of what we've seen all year." All told, the S&P 500 added

percent, to 4,557.35. The major U.S. indexes are riding a three-week streak of weekly gains and are up for the year.

Hyatt Regency Suzhou opens in Eastern China

CHICAGO (BUSINESS WIRE)

Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE: H) today announced the opening of Hyatt Regency Suzhou in Suzhou, one of the most important economic, cultural and historic cities of Eastern China, neighboring Shanghai.

The city of Suzhou, known as "the Venice of China," is renowned for its ancient canals, stone bridges and UNESCO-listed classic gardens. Hyatt Regency Suzhou provides contemporary comfort and high-tech amenities to business and leisure guests in the thriving heart of this historic city.

"We are thrilled that Hyatt Regency Suzhou is now part

of this vibrant community. The opening of Hyatt Regency Suzhou is a strategic step for Hyatt as we grow our brand presence in China," said Christopher Koehler, vice president of operations - China, Hyatt. "We believe that the authentic hospitality and care delivered by our colleagues will be well received by the hotel's guests and the community. We look forward to fostering meaningful connections among business and leisure travelers around the world."

Strategically nestled in the Suzhou Industrial Park (SIP) with a subway station at its doorstep, Hyatt Regency Suzhou is part of Jinghope

Plaza, a new complex project that includes a luxury shopping mall, entertainment venues and two Grade-A office buildings. Hyatt Regency Suzhou is a key connecting point between Suzhou and Shanghai, offering easy accessibility to visiting guests. It takes just 25 minutes by train to reach Shanghai, one hour by car to reach Shanghai Hongqiao International Airport, and 10 minutes by car to reach Suzhou SIP Railway Station, the transportation hub of Yangtze River Delta region. Neighboring the picturesque Jinji Lake, Suzhou Culture and Arts Cen-

ter, Suzhou International Expo Center and the Ferris Wheel Park, Hyatt Regency Suzhou will also provide a convenient blend between the ancient Suzhou city and new district.

The hotel offers 355 spacious guestrooms and suites plus a Regency Club. There are five restaurants and lounges, more than 15,000 square feet of innovative meeting, event and wedding venues, and spa and wellness facilities.

The refreshing, contemporary design by LTW Designworks features a breathtaking 29-story triangular atrium topped with a glass roof.

Hard to swallow? Burger King may move to Canada

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NEW YORK (AP) — Some Burger King customers are finding it hard to swallow that the home of the Whopper could move to Canada.

Investors seemed to welcome the announcement by Burger King late Sunday that it was in talks to buy Canadian coffee-and-doughnut chain Tim Hortons and create the world's third-largest fast-food restaurant company. The news pushed shares of both companies up more than 20 percent.

But customers were already voicing their discontent with the 60-year-old hamburger chain because of its plans to relocate its corporate headquarters to Canada in a deal that could lower its taxes. By Monday afternoon, Burger King's Facebook page had more than 1,000 mostly negative comments about the potential deal.

Shawn Simpson, who hadn't heard of the talks until approached by a reporter while he was at a Burger King in New York City on Monday afternoon, said he didn't like the idea of the company paying its taxes to another country. "For them to take their headquarters and move it across the border is a negative for me," said Simpson, 44, who was ordering a Double Whopper and onion rings. "It's an American brand."

A representative for Burger King, Miguel Piedra, said while the headquarters of the new company would be in Canada, Burger King would still continue to be run out of Miami. Piedra also said the comments on Burger King's Facebook page represent a small fraction of the company's more than 7 million followers on the social media site. Burger King isn't the first company to face fallout over a tax inversion, which is when a company acquires a business in another country, then relocates its headquarters there. Big U.S. companies, including



A Burger King sign and a Tim Hortons sign are displayed in Ottawa, Ontario, Monday, Aug. 25, 2014. Burger King is in talks to buy Tim Hortons in hopes of creating a new, publicly traded company with its headquarters in Canada.

(AP Photo/Sean Kilpatrick)

pharmaceutical AbbVie and Valeant Pharmaceuticals, recently have pursued tax inversions to cut their costs. Earlier this month, Walgreen abandoned plans to pursue a tax inversion after negative publicity about the planned move.

President Barack Obama and Congress have criticized inversions because they mean a loss of tax revenue for the U.S. government.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest wouldn't comment on Burger King's announcement on Monday, but said the president generally believes it's unfair for companies to pursue a tax inversion merely to pay less in taxes.

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Amazon to buy gamer streaming platform Twitch

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NEW YORK (AP) — Amazon is hoping to become the ESPN of video games.

The e-commerce giant is buying streaming platform Twitch Interactive for \$970 million in cash as it seeks to take part in video gaming's growth as an online spectator sport.

Twitch is a multi-channel online network built for a generation of people who not only enjoy playing video games, but find it entertaining to watch others who might impart tricks and tips for excelling at their favorite games.

Amazon's purchase is an acknowledgment that gameplay video feeds are increasingly lucrative. Twitch had 55 million unique visitors in July, up from 20 million in 2012. Most visited the Twitch.tv website to watch other people play live or recorded games — competitions interspersed with advertising. Digital video advertising in the U.S. is expected to reach \$5.96 billion this year, according to eMarketer, up 41.9 percent from 2013. "Broadcasting and watching gameplay is a global



This image provided by Amazon shows the Amazon Fire TV system during a news conference in New York. E-commerce giant Amazon is buying streaming platform Twitch Interactive for \$970 million in cash as it seeks to take part in video gaming's growth as an online spectator sport.

(Photo by Diane Bondareff/AP Images)

phenomenon and Twitch has built a platform that brings together tens of millions of people who watch billions of minutes of games each month," said Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos in a statement.

The deal is the latest example of Amazon expanding into new commercial arenas. It introduced its own smartphone, the Fire, this month. Earlier this summer, it added same-day delivery, a set-top video

streaming device to its list of services for members of Prime, its \$99 annual loyalty program.

Amazon already has an in-house gaming studio that makes games, and its Fire TV set top box was designed to attract gamers. Twitch CEO Emmett Shear said Amazon is a good fit because "they believe in our community, they share our values and long-term vision."

Google had been in talks

to buy Twitch, but no deal materialized. Forrester Research analyst James McQuivey believes Google might have been a better fit for Twitch.

"Twitch will be a harder asset for Amazon to use," he said. "It doesn't have the kind of video streaming audience that Google's YouTube does."

However, McQuivey added that Amazon is trying to own more of its own content rather than simply selling others' and Twitch could help the company do that.

"(Twitch) captures people's attention for hours a week and it also creates a product tie-in opportunity that Amazon can capitalize on in a way that Google could not," he said.

In a letter addressed to Twitch's users, Shear emphasized Amazon's willingness to allow the gaming service operate independently as a key reason for the deal coming together. It's not clear whether Twitch would have been given as much autonomy had it been bought by Google, given the leading role that YouTube already plays in online video. □

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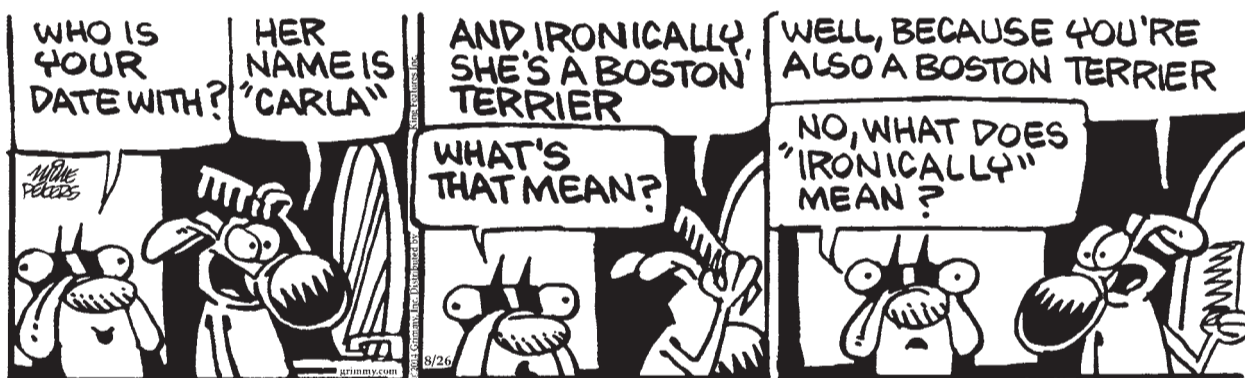
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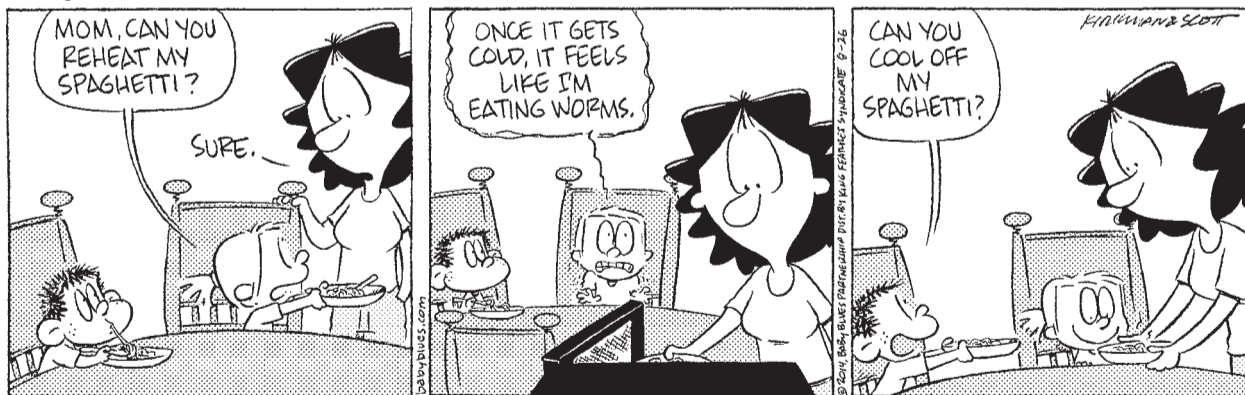
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Difficulty Level ★★ 8/26

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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ACROSS

- 1 Flew the ___; moved away
- 5 African nation
- 10 Pretense; farce
- 14 Wheel rod
- 15 Pulley cords
- 16 ___ vault; track and field event at the Olympics
- 17 Adolescent
- 18 Vote into office
- 19 Baseball officials
- 20 Betrothed
- 22 Large striped female feline
- 24 Boy
- 25 British noble
- 26 Daring deeds
- 29 ___ person; apiece
- 30 Get through to
- 34 "For Your Eyes ___"; 007 movie
- 35 Soothing drink
- 36 Inlet between Asia and Africa
- 37 Hullabaloo
- 38 Tennis games
- 40 Noticed
- 41 British capital
- 43 Evil spell
- 44 Writing table
- 45 As ___ as honey
- 46 Fellows
- 47 Memos
- 48 Garments of old Rome
- 50 Coolidge, to friends
- 51 Penny-pinching
- 54 Annuls, as laws
- 58 Lofty poems
- 59 Think ___; plan for the future
- 61 Tiny insect
- 62 Venetian blind piece
- 63 Striped animal from Africa
- 64 ___ up; spends
- 65 Matching pairs
- 66 Glowing coal
- 67 Game defeat
- DOWN**
- 1 Ms. Blanchett
- 2 Plow animals
- 3 Designer ___ Cassini
- 4 ___ box; ice hockey pen
- 5 Avarice
- 6 ___ up; rob at gunpoint
- 7 Primate
- 8 Thick juice
- 9 Up and about
- 10 Rejected with disdain
- 11 Residence
- 12 "Heidi" setting
- 13 State of clutter
- 21 Car fuel
- 23 Punctures
- 25 Sandy shores
- 26 Young horses
- 27 ___ with; bestow on
- 28 By oneself
- 29 Gerbil or kitty
- 31 Valuable thing
- 32 Discontinue
- 33 Birds of prey
- 35 Light brown
- 36 Reed or Linn
- 38 Engine
- 39 Chicken's mom
- 42 Hates
- 44 Very sad
- 46 Rowdy disorder
- 47 Afternoon rest
- 49 Thin shiny donut coating
- 50 Fragrant wood
- 51 Peat ___; marsh growth
- 52 Not working
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Monday's Puzzle Solved

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AIR	TIMER	ERODE
TOGS	DELAY	MAUL
STEMS	RESET	RPM
AWARE	ARISES	
WALLLABY	WREN	
ADULTS	HONESTLY	
DANE	OVER	TAHOE
EGGS	RINK	ONION
REST	BASS	PESTS

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Burger King

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The Obama administration is considering executive steps it could take to de-incentivize inversions. Unlike many other companies, Burger King's move also has the potential to turn off customers as well, since it's a brand people are so familiar with. It's difficult to gauge whether such fallout would hurt the fast-food chain's business in the U.S. Some analysts say even if some Burger King customers are initially angered by the move, the feelings could quickly fade since there wouldn't be any significant changes in restaurants as a result of the deal. Besides, many Burger King customers who go to the chain for convenience may not care enough about the move to change their eating habits,

said Jonathan Maze, editor of Restaurant Finance Monitor, which tracks the industry. "It's going to irritate people, but basically it's a paper move," he said. It's not clear exactly how much a combination with Tim Hortons would reduce Burger King's tax costs. A recent report by KPMG found that total tax costs in Canada are 46.4 percent lower than in the United States. Both companies cautioned there was no guarantee a deal would happen. But each could benefit from the deal, which they say would create a new holding company with 18,000 restaurants in 100 countries and about \$22 billion in sales. Burger King's stock surged \$5.78, or 21 percent, to \$32.89 on Monday, while Tim Hortons' stock also rose 21 percent to \$76.33. □

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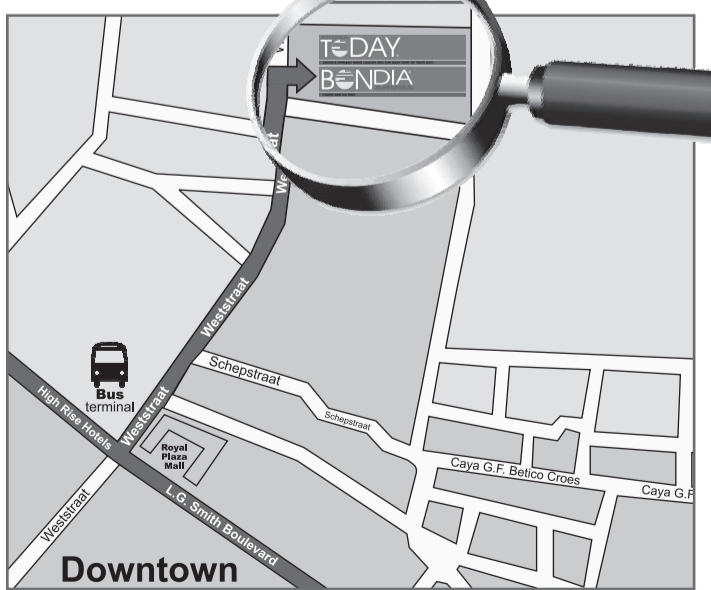


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Invasive insect threatens iconic Florida citrus

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Associated Press

LAKE WALES, Fla. (AP) —

Citrus has always been synonymous with Florida. The orange adorns the state license plate. The University of Florida's famed football stadium was named after an orange magnate. There is even a county called Citrus.

Throughout the decades, the citrus industry has always stood strong — through freezes, hurricanes and rampant development.

But now the \$9 billion industry is facing its biggest threat yet, putting at risk the state's economy but also its very identity. Blame a mottled brown bug no bigger than a pencil eraser that carries a lethal disease.

In China, where the problem was first discovered, it's called huanglongbing. Translation: "the yellow dragon disease." In Florida, it's known simply as "greening."

It arrived here via an invasive bug called the Asian Citrus Psyllid, which carries bacteria that are left behind when the psyllid feeds on a citrus tree's leaves. The tree continues to produce useable fruit, but eventually disease clogs the vascular system. Fruit falls, and the tree slowly dies.

The psyllid isn't native to Florida, but it is believed to have arrived from someone who perhaps unknowingly brought a slip of a tree from Asia. Some think it then spread on the winds of hurricanes a decade ago. There is no cure for greening, and no country has ever successfully eradicated it.



In this Wednesday, July 31, 2014 photo, the Asian Citrus Psyllid is shown on a lemon tree in a greenhouse at the University of Florida Citrus Research and Education Center, in Lake Alfred, Fla. Associated Press

All of that has Florida's growers in a frenzy to find a way to stop it.

"It feels like you're in a war," said Ellis Hunt Jr., whose family owns 5,000-plus acres of orange groves and is part of the co-op that contributes to Florida's Natural, the third-largest juice brand in the country.

Hunt estimates he's spending some \$2,000 an acre on production costs, a 100 percent increase from 10 years ago. Much of that goes toward nutrients and spraying to try to control the psyllids. The thought of the demise of his farm — of Florida citrus — gnaws at him.

"We can't let this thing go down on our watch," he said.

Nearly all of the state's citrus groves are affected in varying degrees by greening disease, and research-

ers, growers and experts agree that the crisis has already started to compromise Florida's prominence as a citrus-growing region. Florida is second in the world, behind Brazil, in growing juice oranges, producing about 80 percent of juice in the U.S.

This past growing season, the state produced 104 million boxes of oranges, which comprise the bulk of

the iconic image of Florida and how it has drawn people here to smell the orange blossoms in the spring and look forward to that Christmas gift of fresh Florida citrus," said state Agriculture Commissioner Adam Putnam, whose family has grown oranges since the early 1900s.

"It will have a ripple effect throughout the economy if we can't get our arms



In this Friday, July 25, 2014 photo, Nick Howell, 13, a member of the McLean family who owns Uncle Matt's organic orange juice company, places a vial containing the tamarixia wasp to release in their orange groves in hopes of combating the citrus greening disease, in Clermont, Fla. Associated Press

Florida's overall citrus crop. In 2003, two years before greening was discovered and prior to several devastating hurricanes, 243 million boxes were picked.

"This affects the whole state. The economic impact. The landscape. The

around this disease." Experts say that if a solution isn't found, Florida's entire citrus industry — with its 75,000 jobs — could collapse. Compounding the problem is the timing of it: The disease coincides with an increase in foreign

competition and a decrease in juice consumption as health-conscious consumers count carbs. In July, U.S. orange juice retail sales fell to the lowest level in 12 years for a second consecutive four-week period.

The war room in the fight against the yellow dragon is found in Lake Alfred, 30 miles southwest of Walt Disney World, in a nondescript cluster of buildings at the University of Florida's Citrus Research and Education Center.

There, some of the world's top citrus researchers — from the U.S., China, Brazil, India — slouch over microscopes and peer into makeshift greenhouses, hoping to unlock the puzzle that is greening. They talk about nucleotides and genomes like regular folks order a sandwich.

The researchers are concentrating on two things: a short-term workaround that will allow existing trees to survive, and a long-term solution — possibly three to five years away — to develop a greening resistant tree.

"A lot of people are looking for miracle cures," said Jude Grosser, a horticulture professor who has spent his 30-year career developing citrus varieties and is now focused on solving greening. "But the answer for greening will be a number of different pieces. Our part is the genetic resistance to the disease."

Some growers are taking matters into their own hands. Rick Kress, president of Southern Gardens Citrus, has hired a private team of researchers to work on genetically engineering a greening resistant tree with the DNA from spinach. He understands that introducing juice from a genetically modified orange would create another hurdle because of the public's perception of such foods. But the alternative — no juice at all — is unthinkable.

"Irrespective of the challenges," Kress insisted, "Florida orange juice is not going to go away." □

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'Guardians' retakes box office, tops summer films

JAKE COYLE

AP Film Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — "Guardians of the Galaxy" became the summer's top-grossing movie at the North American box office with a \$17.6 million weekend that narrowly bested the young adult melodrama "If I Stay," while the long-delayed "Sin City" sequel, "A Dame to Kill For," flopped.

With an estimated \$17.6 million in its fourth weekend of release, the Marvel space adventure passed "Transformers: Age of Extinction" to become the summer's biggest domestic hit with a cumulative total of \$252 million. The film, released by Disney, was an unlikely August sensation (late summer is usually an afterthought in Hollywood's lucrative summer season) that helped the box office rebound somewhat after big-budget sequels like "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" and "How To Train Your Dragon 2" failed to ignite the multiplexes.

"This movie just couldn't have come at a better time," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for box-office tracker

Rentrak. "When we were really down and out in the summer box office — at one point down 20 percent from last year — 'Guardians' came along and injected life. What is surprising is that it was a film launched in August."

The Warner Bros. tearjerker "If I Stay" failed to top the box office with a weekend haul of \$16.4 million, according to studio estimates Sunday.

In the film, a co-production between MGM and New Line Cinema, Chloe Grace Moretz stars as a teen in a coma after a car accident. It came in third place behind Paramount's reptile reboot "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles," which made \$16.8 million in its third weekend.

Dan Fellman, head of domestic distribution for Warner Bros., said the studio was pleased with the performance of "If I Stay" considering its \$11 million production budget. Advance tracking on the film had forecast a box office-topping result, but tracking had also expected "Sin City: A Dame to Kill For" to open in the mid-teens. It



This undated image released by Disney - Marvel shows, from left, Zoe Saldana, the character Rocket Raccoon, voiced by Bradley Cooper, Chris Pratt, the character Groot, voiced by Vin Diesel and Dave Bautista in a scene from "Guardians Of The Galaxy".

Associated Press

made just \$6.5 million. "This is a complete miss," said Erik Lomis, the Weinstein Co.'s distribution chief. "Obviously, we're very, very disappointed in the numbers. We definitely did not see it coming in like this."

The hurt was particularly acute, Lomis said, because it happened with a long-time Weinstein Co. col-

laborator, director Robert Rodriguez. He helmed the first "Sin City" film, which opened with \$29.1 million in 2005 and made \$159 million globally. But nine years is a long time to wait for a sequel, and clearly the novelty of the film's digital adaptation of Frank Miller's black-and-white graphic novels wore off with both moviegoers and critics.

The faith-based high school football film "When the Game Stands Tall" opened with \$9.1 million for Sony. Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Rentrak. Where available, latest international numbers are also included. Final domestic figures will be released on Monday.

Miley Cyrus: 'I'm in constant gratitude of life'

MESFIN FEKADU

AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Miley Cyrus said when she stole the night at last year's MTV Video Music Awards, she didn't realize her impact and influence. Now, the singer says she wants to use her powers for good.

The 21-year-old is assisting the Hollywood homeless center My Friend's Place by launching a Prizeo campaign, urging her feverish fans to donate to the cause assisting homeless youth. Cyrus brought a member of the center as her date to Sunday's VMAs at The Forum in Inglewood, California, letting him accept her award for video of the year.

"I think what I realized after my last performance at

the VMAs, I didn't realize my platform, I didn't realize my power and I didn't realize my voice and how loud it is," Cyrus said in an interview Monday. "And I thought, you know, rather than sit here and talk about, 'Oh, on every news cover, every time you go to AOL or wherever you go everybody's sitting there talking about me,' instead of using it as a negative, how can I use it as a positive? If I'm going to be speaking this loud, what am I trying to scream at the world? And this is it. It's kind of a wake-up (call), which is what I had to do."

Cyrus said the high of winning awards and memorable performances doesn't last long, unlike her charity work.

"This fills you up and it feels good for a long time. ... I feel incredible today. I feel like I have a jet strapped to me and I am ready to take off from this," she said. "I feel like there's a way that I can incorporate everything I do in the future around youth homelessness. ... It just gives me more of a purpose. I tell everybody, I mean, dying a pop star is not what I want to have on my tombstone." For the campaign, Cyrus is asking fans to donate \$5 through Sept. 21, which will enter them in a raffle. Winners will meet Cyrus at her Sept. 28 concert in Rio de Janeiro.

"I can't really stop until I reach this goal. ... I just want to give my fans a real reason to use their power for much more than a



Miley Cyrus poses with the award for Video of the Year in the press room at the MTV Video Music Awards at The Forum on Sunday, Aug. 24, 2014, in Inglewood, Calif.

Associated Press

VMA," she said of winning the fan-vote top award Sunday night. Cyrus had a breakthrough year with she released "Bangerz" in 2013, which achieved platinum status and featured the hits "Wrecking Ball" and "We Can't Stop."

The former Disney star said she's working on new music with the Flaming Lips,

but said she's not pressuring herself to match her previous success or rush out new material to build momentum.

"With anything right now, I am just focusing on being the happiest and the best I can be because there were years I had to give out a lot of energy and now it's taking it all in," she said.

Author's ode to crosswords is right on the mark

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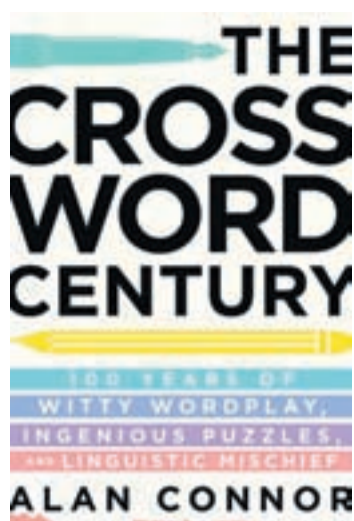
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"The Crossword Century: 100 Years of Witty Wordplay, Ingenious Puzzles, and Linguistic Mischief" (Gotham Books), by Alan Connor

If you love solving crosswords, you know how it feels to be in the fraternity. There's the rush of matching wits with a mysterious puzzle-maker, the thrill of nailing an elusive answer and the satisfaction of filling in the final square.

There's a charm in playing the game, a charm that can be hard to describe. But Alan Connor, a British quizmaster who writes a column on crosswords for the Guardian newspaper, is more than up to the challenge.

Connor is the author of "The Crossword Century: 100 Years of Witty Wordplay, Ingenious Puzzles, and Linguistic Mischief." The book details the history and evolution of crosswords since the first one appeared in 1913. But what makes it such a fun read is Connor's evident passion for all things crossword.



This book cover image released by Gotham shows "The Crossword Century: 100 Years of Witty Wordplay, Ingenious Puzzles, and Linguistic Mischief," by Alan Connor. Associated Press

"The moments you spend in a puzzle have the potential to shut out the outside world for a blessedly silent period," he says. "You return refreshed from a happier place."

Indeed. Solvers recognize that feeling, but it's nice to be reassured that others share our appreciation. Crosswords are largely a solitary affair, so it's easy to lose sight of how many oth-

ers share our bond.

Connor traces the history of crosswords across newspapers and Hollywood. But his deeper message is when he preaches charmingly to the choir, reaffirming to crossword fans without a hint of smugness why their obsession feels so satisfying. He clearly relishes the ambiguity of the English language, as when he recounts clues such as "Die of cold?" for ICE CUBE.

He also appreciates the choreography between the puzzle creator and solver.

"Yes, the constructor is aiming to lose gracefully and intends you to decrypt every clue," he notes. "But that doesn't mean the

crossword should simply crumble before the novice. There has to be a degree of bloodshed."

One of the most interesting chapters is his paean to one of the most famous puzzles of all: a 1996 New York Times gem in which the solver is asked what the next day's headline will be. The answer was designed so the intersecting letters could spell either CLINTONELECTED or BOBDOLE-ELECTED.

While Connor spends plenty of ink appreciating the crossword, he also devotes several chapters to its British cousin, the cryptic. He tries to teach readers how to decipher a cryptic's maddening clues — with limited

luck.

For example, we're supposed to recognize that the answer to "Strange I should tan poorly" is OUTLANDISH, an anagram of "I should tan." Seriously?

Despite Connor's best efforts, he may not inspire many crossword fans to tackle cryptics. But with his short chapters and crisp, elegant writing he does give them a fresh appreciation for their crossword obsession. "To tackle a crossword is to enjoy the experience of your brain pulling on many different areas simultaneously, working in a way that everyday life rarely calls for," he says.

Crossword lovers will certainly relate. □

Rare copy of Superman comic book fetches \$3.2M

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A rare, nearly flawless copy of Superman's comic-book debut has sold for a super-powered price: \$3.2 million. New York comics dealers Stephen Fishler and Vincent Zurzolo said Monday they submitted Sunday's record-setting bid in the eBay auction for Action Comics No. 1, the 1938 book in which the superhero first appeared. It's believed to be the highest price ever paid for a comic book, surpassing \$2.1 million for a similarly high-quality copy of the same book in 2011. "It's hard to believe that a kid's 10-cent comic could be worth that much money, but it is Superman. That's an iconic thing," Fishler said. "It's the first time anybody saw what a superhero was like."



This 2014 photo provided by e-Bay shows a rare, nearly flawless copy of Superman's comic-book debut which has sold for \$3.2 million. Associated Press

eBay confirmed the price but said it couldn't yet disclose the buyer's name. Created by Cleveland teenagers Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster. □

G Unit surprises fans, digitally releasing 6 songs

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AP Music Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — G Unit surprised fans when its members reunited earlier this summer at the year's biggest hip-hop concert, and they have another surprise: they digitally released six new songs Beyonce-style early Monday. The rap group dropped "The Beauty of Independence" extended play at midnight, mirroring Beyonce's successful surprise release of her self-titled album last year. The 50 Cent-led group disbanded over the years and last released "T.O.S.: Terminate on Sight" in 2008.

50 Cent said the group, which released its multi-platinum debut "Beg for Mercy" in 2003, is more mature today, and that enhanced the creativity behind the new music.

"The artist are more developed than they were in the very beginning," he said, adding that member Tony Yayo wrote two hooks on the album, a job usually reserved for 50 Cent.

G Unit surprised the audience at the Hot 97 Summer Jam concert in June



This Aug. 20, 2014 photo shows American rapper, entrepreneur and actor 50 Cent, center, posing for a portrait with G-Unit members Young Buck, Lloyd Banks, Tony Yayo and Kidd Kidd in New York.

by reuniting onstage. The group — which includes Lloyd Banks, Young Buck and new member Kidd Kidd — released the album independently on the Caroline label, where 50 Cent released the album "Animal Ambition" in June after years of being signed to Interscope and Eminem's Shady Records.

"It's clear that the passion for what we do is there because you don't see the same numbers anymore," 50 Cent said of the record

sales. "But it's even more important that you mean something. For me, when I fell in love with (music), authenticity was everything." The group members were excited and brotherly, full of laughs and sitting tightly during a recent interview. Try to get a question in and you'd fail. They said aging has helped them realize they needed to revive G Unit, whose hits a decade ago include "Stunt 101" and "Wanna Get to Know You." □

Tell It to the Camera



GAIL COLLINS
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Amanda Curtis, a 34-year-old high school math teacher, is now the Democrats' U.S. Senate candidate in Montana. Finally, a strategy for bringing down the average age of a senator, which is around 62.

Plus, a math teacher would come in handy. "Elect somebody who knows how to count" would be an awesome campaign ad. If Curtis had the money to pay for any ads, which currently does not seem all that likely.

"I told my husband: 'Kevin, I'm really sorry I got us into this,'" she recalled in a phone interview. "And he said: 'Why do you have to be so blanking awesome?' He's very supportive."

I believe I speak for all Americans when I say that we are totally in favor of Kevin Curtis as a senatorial spouse.

It's doubtful that we'll be seeing any Curtis in Washington anytime soon. But in a week of so much dreadful news from every corner of the world, let's take an opportunity to sing a happy chorus to this season's super-long-shot candidates. Really, where would we be without them? Staring at a ballot full of pre-elected public officials, that's where.

Montana Democrats have been going through what you might call a rough patch. First, Sen. Max Baucus announced that he was not going to run again for his seat. Baucus gave out the news early so he could concentrate on "serving Montana."

Then President Barack Obama offered him an ambassadorship to China and Baucus flat-out quit.

John Walsh, the Democratic lieutenant governor, was appointed to take his place. Then The New York Times' Jonathan Martin reported that Walsh had plagiarized a lot of his final paper as a master's candidate at the Army War College. The senator of six months announced that he was not going to run for a full term against the wealthy congressman Republicans had nominated, because he wanted to devote all his time to his "fight for Montana."

None of the well-known Democratic names in the state were interested in taking Walsh's place. Or the somewhat-known names.

"I was scraping and glazing and puttying my storm windows," said Curtis, who was chosen last weekend by a party convention. "And the phone rang. It was a reporter saying: 'John Walsh dropped out and they can't find any other politician to run.' The storm windows are still leaning against my house."

Montana has only sent one woman to Congress: Jeannette Rankin, a suffragist and pacifist who was elected in 1916. She was sworn in the same day that Woodrow Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany. Rankin voted no and was decried by a Helena newspaper as "a dupe of the Kaiser, a member of the Hun army in the United States, and a crying school-girl." That was pretty much that. Rankin ran again more than two decades later and was elected just before the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, giving her the opportunity to cast the only vote against entering World War II. "Montana is 100 percent against you," her brother wired encouragingly. That was the end of her congressional career. But she held up the torch, and in 1968, at 87, went back to Washington to lead 5,000 demonstrators in a women's march against the war in Vietnam.

Always happy to have a chance to mention Jeannette Rankin, who teaches us that fighting for a losing cause most definitely does not make you a losing person.

Amanda Curtis grew up in a family rocked by divorce, alcoholism, financial struggles and violence. She fought her way through college and into a teaching career. Her experience with students, she said, taught her that what she thought was a uniquely terrible childhood was actually not all that unusual in Montana. She began to get involved in community groups, and, in 2012, she was elected to the state House of Representatives.

Once in the office, Curtis began posting videos at the end of every day in the Legislature in which she stood in her office or kitchen, sometimes looking perky, sometimes looking exhausted, and talked into the camera. ("Day 73 and wait until you hear this.") Her mission was part educational, with heavy emphasis on the workings of the Business and Labor Committee.

On the other hand, it was partly pure venting. "It was so hard to not to walk across the floor and punch him," she said, in a rant that Montana Republicans have already included in a mashup of video highlights. Their collection does not note that Curtis was talking about a debate over gay rights in which another lawmaker insinuated that homosexuals lacked moral character.

Imagine what it would be like if our senators all came home every night and posted their real thoughts. When they were too tired to self-censor. Maybe we should make that a requirement.



A Funeral in Ferguson



CHARLES M. BLOW
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Two weeks after the killing of Michael Brown, we have become painfully familiar with his parents through their public appearances and television interviews, their faces drawn, their sorrow apparent.

Brown's mother, Lesley McSpadden, constantly dabbing tears from her face, sparing in her responses, but powerfully articulating her agony with the words she chooses. Brown's father, Michael Brown Sr., with shaved head and full beard, a large man often clad in a T-shirt emblazoned with the phrase "No Justice, No Peace" and a baby picture of his son. The senior Brown is stoic, resolute in his speech, but even in the power of his presence there is the certainness that a hollow space has been made.

On Monday, they are scheduled to bury their boy as the whole world watches.

No one should know what that feels like. Whatever one may feel about the contours of this case - about what led Officer Darren Wilson to shoot the teenager, about the relationship of the police to people of color, about the protests and unrest that followed, about the militarized police response to the unrest, about the quality of the investigations and the level of confidence people

have in them, about the perverse sense of theater emerging from the rhythms of the days under the glare of media lights - we can all, in our shared humanity, feel for parents who lose a child.

As a parent myself, I can't fathom the ache and inextinguishable anguish that must accompany such a loss.

Losing any loved one is painful, but losing a child - particularly in such a violent way and particularly a young child - must be exceedingly painful. It also upsets the order of things. Children should outlive you. That's the way it's supposed to be, the way the world and life would have it. But, in a moment, the world stops making sense.

I don't think anyone can be properly prepared to deal with the news of such a thing. In an interview with CNN's Anderson Cooper on Thursday, the mother recounted, with tears streaming down her face, the feeling of getting the call that her son had been shot, before getting to the scene:

"Before even getting there, somebody call you on the phone and tell you something like that, and you miles away. It's terrible." The father recounted the excruciating wait once he and the mother arrived on the scene and how upsetting it all was:

"We couldn't even see him. They wouldn't even let us go see him. They just left him out there, 4 1/2 hours, with no answers. Wouldn't nobody tell us nothing."

It's hard to imagine a more painful scenario and the grief it must carry. And that grief can last for a very long time.

A 2008 study published in The Journal of Family Psychology found that, understandably, the death of a child can have "long-term effects on the lives of parents," including "more depressive symptoms, poorer well-being, and more health prob-

lems." Even that, to me, feels like an understatement. I am always in awe at the strength displayed by parents who lose a child and are immediately thrust into the public eye because their children cease to simply be children but graduate into being a cause. Yet, too many people have had to endure a similar grief, if often under different circumstances. According to ChildDeathReview.org, in 2010, 45,068 children ages 0 to 19 died in the United States. Two-thirds died of natural causes. Another 8,684 died of unintentional injuries like car accidents and drowning. But 2,808 died as result of homicide, including 1,790 by firearm.

And when the person doing the shooting is shot not by one of the bad guys (people all parents teach children to avoid as best they can) but by one of the people we as a society count as one of the good guys (police officers sworn to protect and serve) there are obviously going to be questions that need answering.

Whenever I see parents like these, standing and speaking in the wake of tragedy, I find myself studying their faces, imagining - hoping, really - that if I were them, I, too, would be this strong, that I, too, would fight on my child's behalf, for justice and against the besmirchment of his or her memory. But something in me whispers that it's a lie, that I would be overcome and inconsolable, that so much of me would die with my child that not enough of me would be left to carry on.

So the least I think all of us can do, in consoling solidarity, is to join them in paying our last respects. At 10 a.m. Central time Monday, when the funeral is scheduled to begin, take a moment to think of them, to commiserate with two grieving parents, knowing they are in a position that none of us would want to be in.

Cloud Storage Companies Adapt as Tech Giants Enter Fray

QUENTIN HARDY

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SAN FRANCISCO - Nothing concentrates minds at a tech startup like living in the middle of a price war between Amazon and Google.

Just ask executives at companies like Box, Dropbox and Hightail. They pioneered a new kind of Internet service that allows people and companies to store all kinds of electronic files in an easy-to-use online locker. But as often happens, the much bigger companies liked the idea so much they decided to do the same thing - at a much lower price.

"These guys will drive prices to zero," said Aaron Levie, co-founder and chief executive of Box. "You do not want to wait for Google or Amazon to keep cutting prices on you. 'Free' is not a business model."

So how do you avoid free? Box is trying to cater to special data storage needs, like digital versions of X-rays for health care companies and other tasks specific to different kinds of customers. Hightail is trying to do something similar for customers like law firms. And Dropbox? It is trying to make sure that its consumer-minded service stays easier to use than what the big guys provide.

"It's very tough just to be in the storage business," said Brad Garlinghouse, chief executive of Hightail. "We don't think that is what we're selling anymore."

In the tech industry, they call this sort of reinvention of the core business model "pivot." Another way to describe it is a fight for survival. Box, founded in 2005, has attracted \$512 million in investment, and in March it filed papers for an initial public offering of stock. In July, the company said it had 39,000 businesses paying \$15 to \$35 a month a user. It is hard to know how many people that is, since some of the businesses have just a couple of people, and others include General Electric and Eli Lilly. Dropbox has 300 million customers worldwide and

actually runs inside Amazon Web Services, as do parts of Box. Many Dropbox customers pay nothing and get 2 gigabytes of storage capacity a month, the equivalent of 1,000 books or seven minutes of high-definition television. A version for \$10 a month offers 100 gigabytes.

Hightail, which used to be called YouSendIt, says it has more than a half-million business customers paying \$25 a month or more, de-

like collaboration and big data analysis, and all those bits of data become more dynamic than something in a file cabinet. They are fluid and being entered and retrieved from many points. Managing all that data should be a good business. The problem for everyone is price. Amazon and Google have for years decimated competition in their respective fields of Internet advertising and retail. As the two companies move to domi-

cuts on other types of storage since then. Many expect Microsoft, which runs its own big cloud business, called Azure, to follow with similar cuts.

Even by the standards of computing, where services seem almost invariably to become cheaper and faster, storage prices have had an exceptional fall. The first gigabyte storage device in 1980 typically cost \$120,000 and weighed 550 pounds. Amazon's cloud-based

they not to be named so they could sustain relations with the powerful cloud company.

Amazon would not comment on confidential customer agreements. An Apple spokesman noted that Apple had its own data centers in four locations in the United States and said "the vast majority" of data in services like iTunes, maps and the App Store ran on its own computers. Apple uses other facilities as well,



Microsoft's cloud server rows at its data center in Quincy, Wash., in an undated handout photo. As bigger companies slide onto the data-storage market, Box, Dropbox and Hightail are rethinking their core business models, focusing on specific industries or bolstering customer service.

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pending on the features chosen.

"There's a place for all of them," said Amita Potnis, an analyst at IDC. "Amazon's focus is really computing itself. The smaller ones have to focus on ways businesses actually use it." For example, she said, the services can help companies collaborate with each other online instead of sending emails back and forth with attachments.

While devices and apps get most of the attention, data storage is every bit as important, particularly as objects like phones, tablets, cars and thermostats become appendages of the Internet. Throw in trends

nate cloud computing, including online storage, they are turning that relentless on each other.

In March, Google celebrated the unification of several cloud computing services with price cuts of 68 percent for most customers, to 2.6 cents a gigabyte a month, about one-quarter the price of Dropbox's premium consumer service.

Amazon's Web Services, which had cut prices at least four times since 2008, responded with cuts of its own, including one cut to 2.75 cents a gigabyte for large amounts of storage, and just a penny a month for data used less frequently. It has made further price

storage might cost 12 cents a year.

None of the smaller online storage companies doubt that Amazon and Google can make seemingly impossible pricing moves. Both companies also have a scale that means even the tiniest profit can be huge.

AWS brags that almost all of Netflix, and Amazon itself, is inside its cloud, along with hundreds of other substantial companies.

Apple's iCloud storage service and other parts of Apple, along with operations at several large banks, run inside AWS, say people familiar with the service who spoke on the condition

he said.

Google does not have anything like the Amazon customer list, but its computer network is probably the largest corporate network in the world. It includes custom-made computing and power systems and several thousand engineers to keep it running. According to one person with knowledge of the system, Google spends about \$2 billion a quarter on its computing infrastructure.

Google would not comment on its costs. In an email, Tom Kershaw, a product manager for Google's cloud service, predicted more cost-cutting. □